CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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The theme for this year's activities is **"Love - The Fruit of the Spirit."**

Jesus said in ***John 15:5 (NLT)***

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing.

Paul writes in ***Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)***
"..When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Here there is no conflict with the law."

John says in ***1 John 4:12-16 (NIV)***
No-one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. We know that we live in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

We want to teach our children that the only way we can be successful Christians is to be in Christ and for Christ to be in us by the power of His Holy Spirit. Any attempts that we make to produce fruit - the characteristics of a Christian life without the power of God will just be like artificial fruit - it has no ability to give life and no flavour to bring satisfaction, but is just external.

The verse in Galatians speaks of the "fruit" (singular) of the Spirit. The characteristics that are mentioned are not different fruits, but the one fruit - the loveliness of Jesus' life displayed through our lives.

Bible scholars have suggested that the fruit is actually "**LOVE**" - the very character of God - displayed in different forms:[1]

1. Rejoicing love - Joy
2. Reconciling love - Peace
3. Enduring love - Patience
4. Amiable love - Kindness
5. Correcting love - Goodness
6. Reliable love - Faithfulness
7. Humble love - Gentleness
8. Disciplined love - Self-control

Many activities are available on the internet for the fruit of the Spirit. **To return to this page, press the back arrow.**

A great resource with lesson plans and activity sheets by Tony Kummer can be accessed on:

http://ministry-to-children.com/fruit-of-the-spirit-index/

Other links:

http://ministry-to-children.com/fruit-of-the-spirit-coloring-pages/

http://whatsinthebible.com/activity-library/the-fruit-of-the-spirit-coloring-page/

http://www.daycoloring.com/post_love-the-fruit-of-spirit-coloring-pages_319271/

http://www.fcpeace.com/friends/pages/12-%20MAY%2005%20-%20FRUIT%20OF%20THE%20HOLY%20SPIRIT.htm

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[1] Schwarz Christian A The 3 Colors of Love: ChurchSmart Resources, Charles, Illinois USA; pages 56-80

There are a number of activities related to the following memory verses that can be used during this year as well.

Fruit:

John 15:5 (NLT) "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing. (Activity 1)

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) "..When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law." (Activity 2)

Love: (Activity 3)

1 John 4:12-16 (NIV) No-one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. We know that we live in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

John 3:16 (NIV) "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Joy: (Activity 4)

Romans 15:13 (NIV) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Peace: (Activity 5)

John 14:27 (NIV) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Romans 12:18 (NIV) If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Patience: (Activity 6)

Colossians 1:11 (NLT) We also pray that you will be strengthened with His glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need.

Kindness: (Activity 7)

Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV) The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.

Goodness: (Activity 8)

Ephesians 5:8b-10 (NIV) Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.

Faithfulness: (Activity 9)

3 John 1:3 (NIV) It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth.

Gentleness: (Activity 10)

Philippians 4:5 (NIV) Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Self-control: (Activity 11)

Proverbs 25:28 (NLT) A person without self-control is as defenseless as a city with broken-down walls.

Drug-free Kids Promise: (Activity 12)

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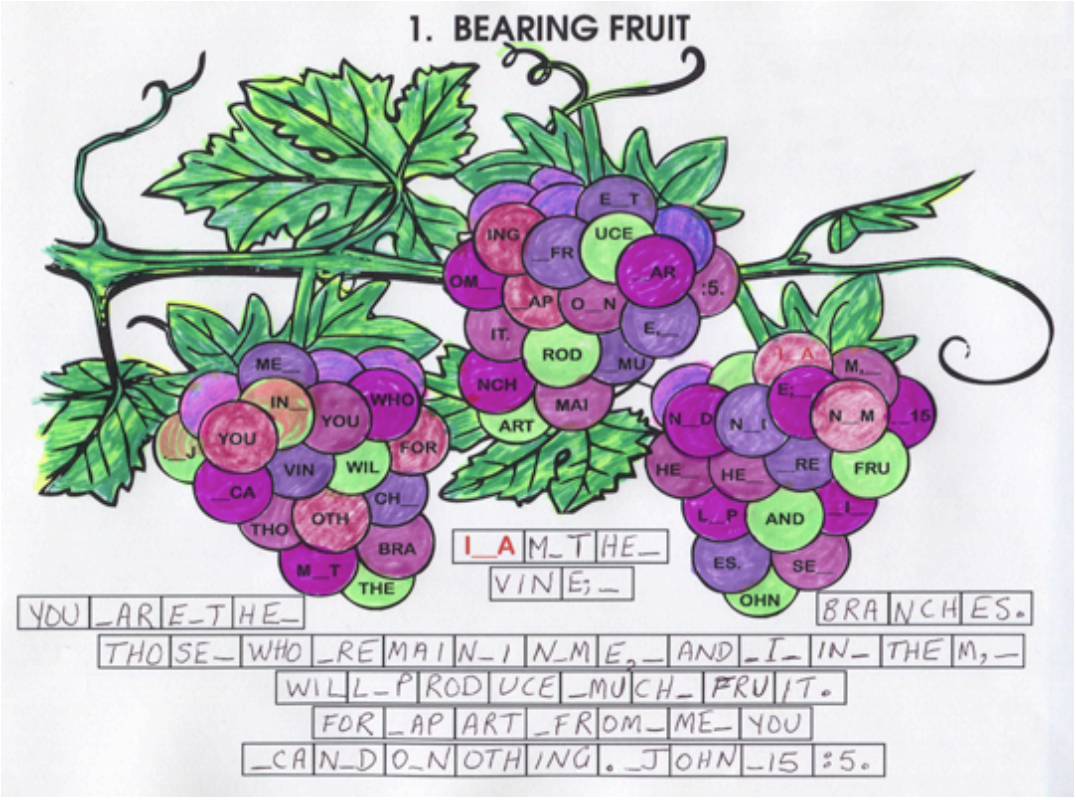
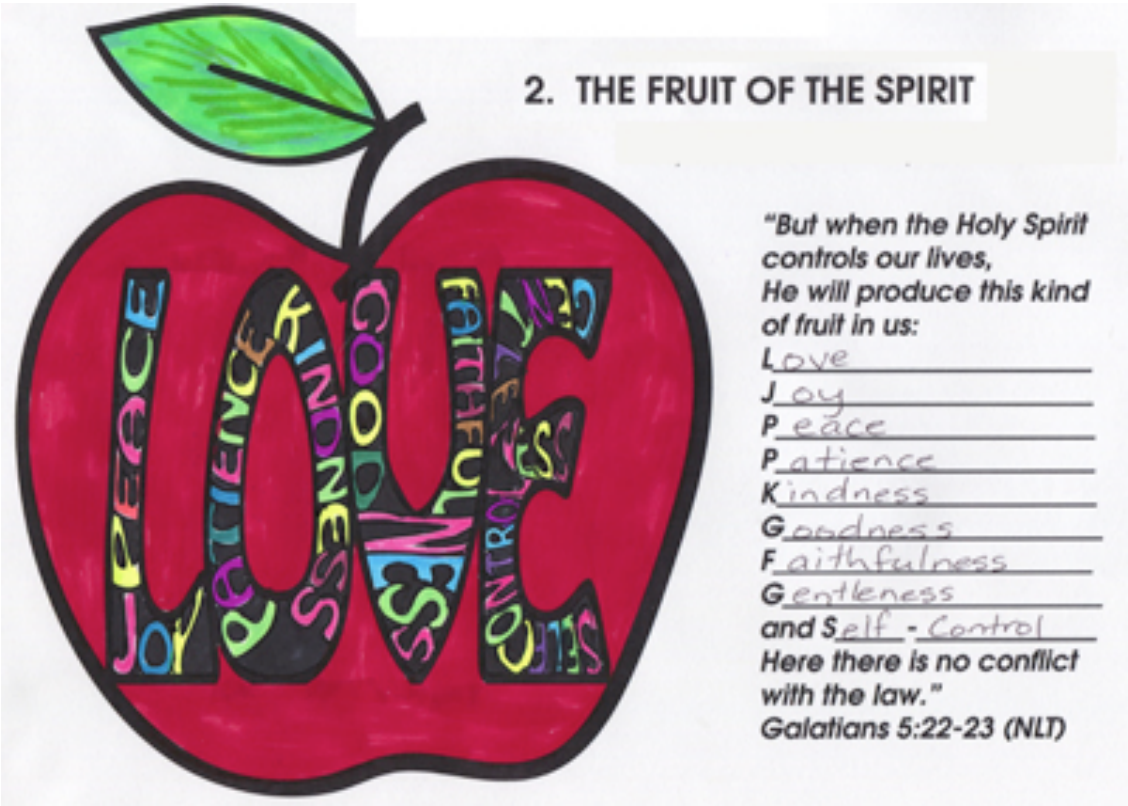
The answers to the activity sheets are shown below:





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3. LOVE

Start at the red arrow and write down every third letter around the heart on the blanks below. Go around 3 times. Then write the letters above the numbers below in the correct square on the cross to discover the message of 1 John 4:16.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND
ONLY SON THAT WHOSOEVER
BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT
PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

JOHN 3:16

4. JOY

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The words of this memory verse have been hidden in the word find. Words that are used more than once in the verse are hidden only once in the puzzle. When you have found all the words, discover another verse in the left over letters hidden in the puzzle. Start in the top left hand corner and work your way across the lines following the direction of the arrows to the end. The letter Z is used to show the breaks between words in the hidden verse.

Hidden verse:
RESTORE TO ME THE
JOY OF YOUR SALVATION
PSALMS 51:12A

5. PEACE

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU;
MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.
I DO NOT GIVE TO YOU
AS THE WORLD GIVES.
DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS
BE TROUBLED AND
DO NOT BE AFRAID.

John 14:27

CEPAE I LEVEA TIWH YUO;
MY CEPEA I VIEG UYO.
I DO NTO GVIE TO UYO
SA TEH DORWL SEIVG.
OD TON ETL YROU AESHTR
EB LUETOBRD DAN
OD ONT BE FAIDAR.

Unscramble each of the clue phrases and write them in the cells. Then copy the letters in the numbered cells to the other cells below with the same number to discover another verse about peace.

LIVE AT PEACE WITH EVERYONE

Romans 12:18

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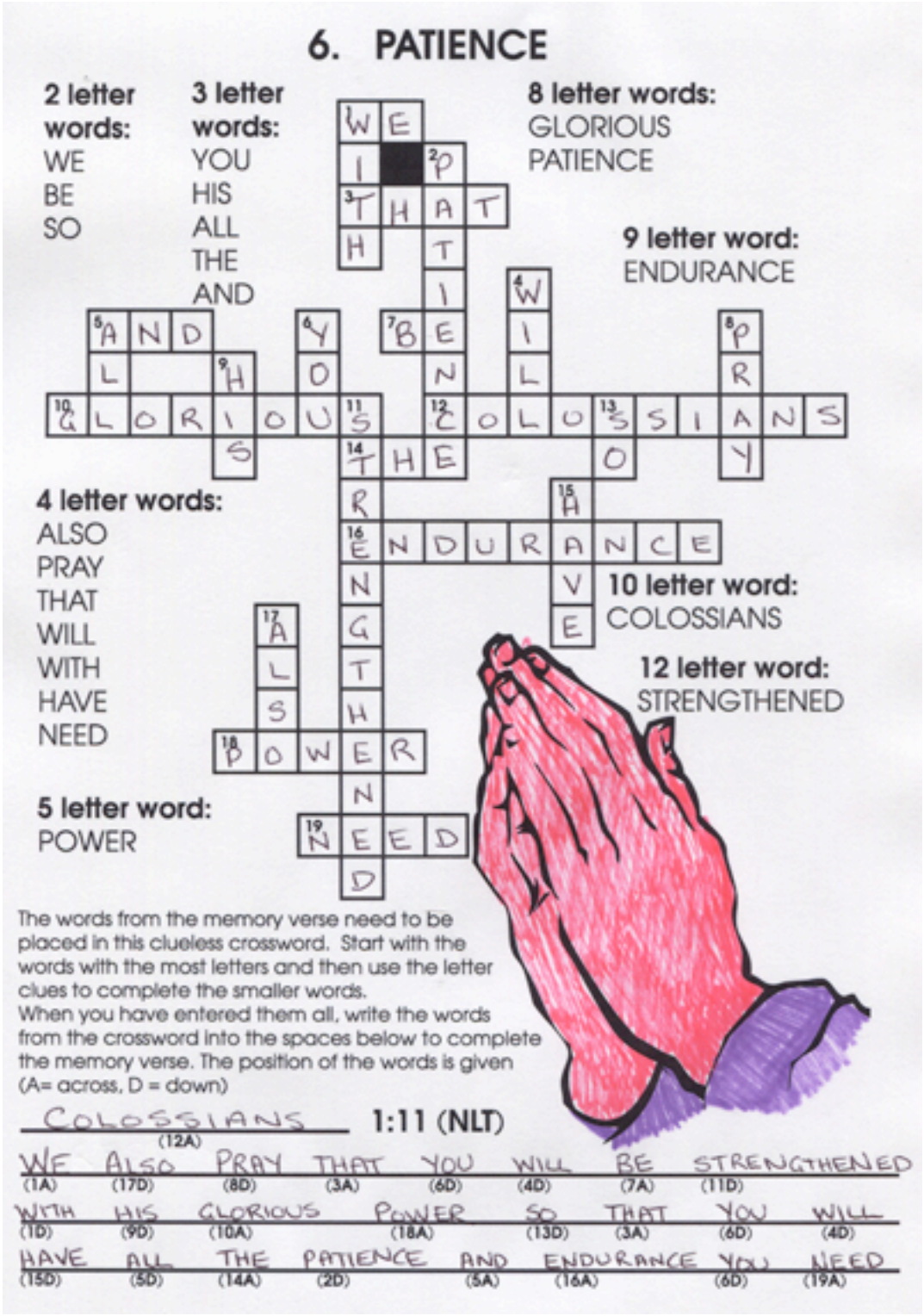

7. KINDNESS

No answer sheet needed - picture only

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8. GOODNESS

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RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUTH)
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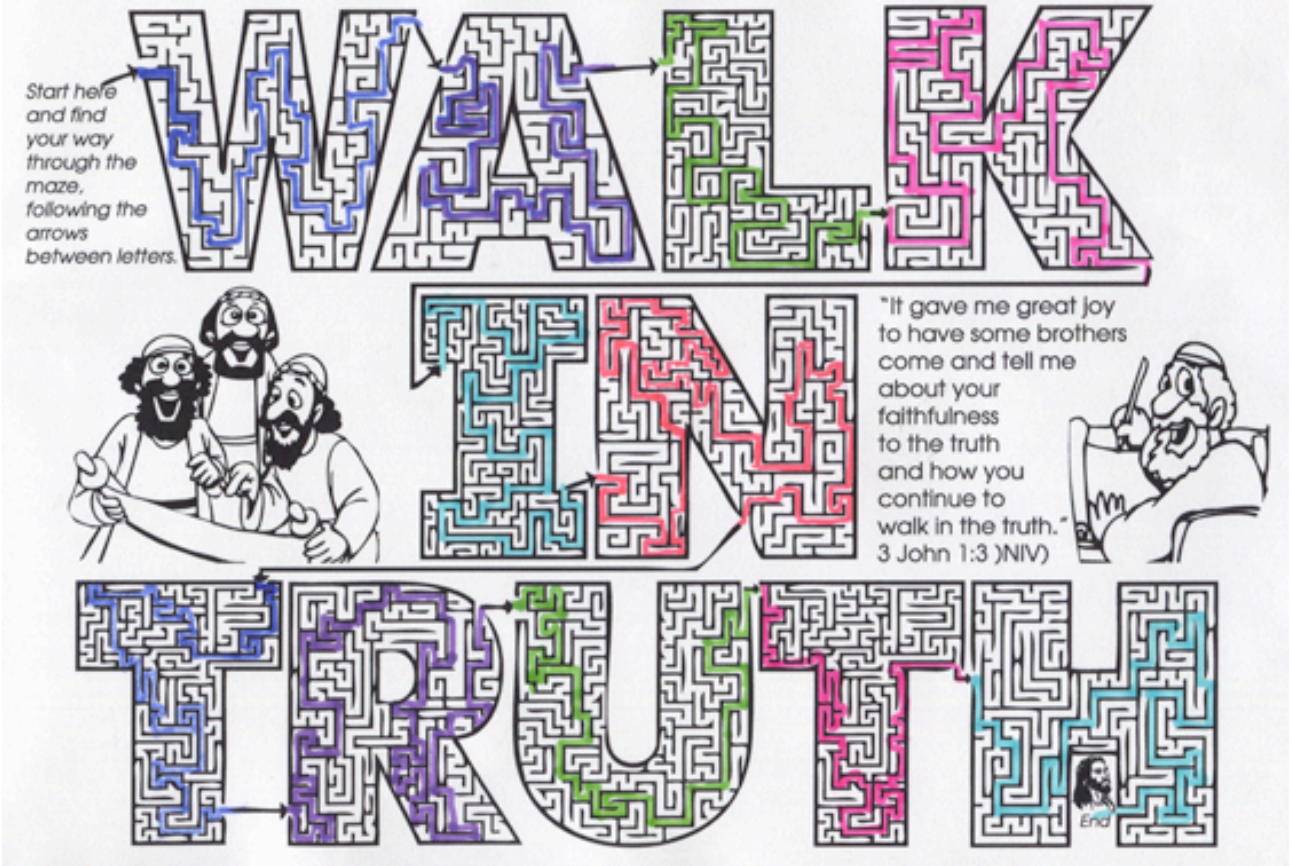
AND FIND OUT WHAT PLEASES
2 10 9 6 26 10 9 22 18 16 11 4 2 16 15 7 8 2 25 8 25

THE LORD. EPHESIANS 5:8B-10
16 4 8 7 22 5 9 8 15 4 8 25 26 2 10 25 14

Discover the missing letters. When you find a letter fill in the number for that letter and then fill that letter in all the times the number is shown.

9. FAITHFULNESS

Start here and find your way through the maze, following the arrows between letters.



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10. GENTLENESS

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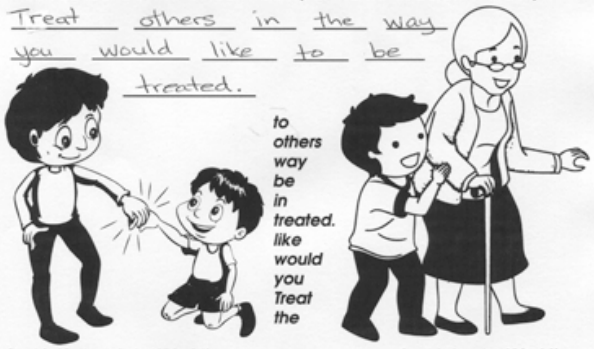
The letters in each column have fallen out of the grid. Determine which box in the column they have fallen from and place them back there to find out a memory verse which speaks about gentleness.

Gentleness can also mean treating others with tolerance and respect; to be well-balanced in your attitudes; and to show kindness to others. It can be found in the Golden Rule - (Put the words below in order.)

Treat others in the way you would like to be treated.



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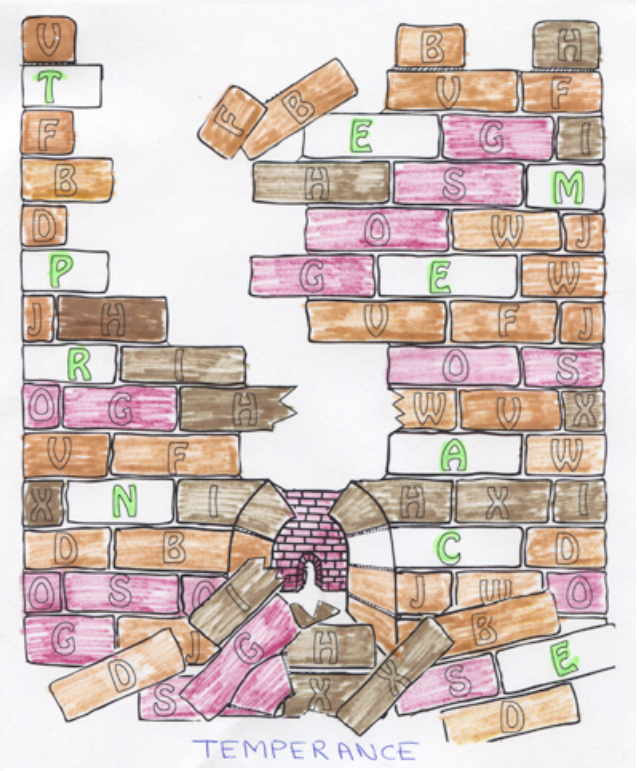

12. A PROMISE TO KEEP

WITH GOD'S

HELP,