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God Loves Us

# KEY WORD

Following are titles of songs that have been popular over the past 50 years. You may not have heard all of the songs, but it will be easy to identify the single word that completes them all!

After identifying that key word, consider the different ways these titles define it. With which definitions do you most agree? With which do you most strongly disagree?

**Agree**                    **Disagree**

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| “All You Need Is _____”            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| “_____ Is a Losing Game”           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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## JUSTICE AND MERCY

Sometimes it's easier to concern ourselves with fairness or justice than with mercy and compassion. Indicate God's role and our role in the following verses about justice and mercy.

Verses	God's Role or Our Role?	Justice or Mercy?
Romans 12:19		
Isaiah 30:18		
Isaiah 1:17		
Matthew 5:7		
Luke 6:36, 37		

# BIG CHANGE

There is a big difference between wages earned and a gift received. First, change WAGE to GIFT by changing one letter at a time, keeping the remaining letters in place.

After you have finished, talk to a classmate about what some of those differences are.



WAGE  
\_\_AGE  
\_A\_E  
\_A\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
GIFT

Earned compensation  
Wise person  
Transfer of ownership  
Sodium chloride  
River deposit  
Separate through a sieve  
Present



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## HEAVEN BOUND?

Read the three statements below. Then write your own statement to explain why you are sure that you are Heaven bound.

Ahmed (a Muslim friend): "No one can know with certainty who will go to Heaven and Hell. All I can do is have faith in the revelations that Allah sent through his prophets and try my best to live according to those revelations. I hope I make it."

Nadine (a spiritualist friend): "When we die, we enter the spirit world. In that world we will go through a process of maturing and going from one plane of existence to another. I communicate with my spirit guide day by day to learn more about life on the other side."

Alex (a pragmatic atheist friend): "There is no afterlife. Salvation is just avoiding as much pain and gaining as much pleasure in this world by living sensibly with kindness to others."

Write your statement for knowing that you are Heaven bound and what you would share with the above three friends.

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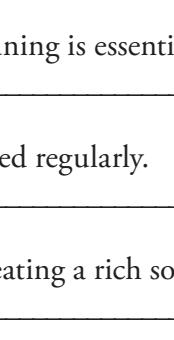
# SO YOU THINK YOU CAN PLANT!

Test your knowledge of vegetable gardening with these questions.



# RULES OF GARDENING

Read through the following rules of gardening. How might you apply them to your life in Christ??

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  1. Water in the early morning.
  2. Pruning is essential; remove all dead and unhealthy branches.
  3. Weed regularly.
  4. Creating a rich soil will limit the need for fertilizers.
  5. Look for companion plants (vegetables that nourish each other).

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## SORRY APOLOGIES

Some apologies are filled with genuine regret, while others seem more like someone just trying to say what others want to hear. Briefly state what's wrong with each of the following approaches to an apology.

1. "I am sorry for whatever I did that made you mad."

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2. "I'm sorry. I didn't realize that you're an expert on my life and how I should live it. Please continue while I take notes."

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3. "If I've done anything I'm sorry for, I'm willing to be forgiven." —Edward N. Westcott

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4. "I'm sorry; if you were right, I'd agree with you." —Robin Williams

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5. "Deal with it!"

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6. "Look what you made me do!"

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## JOEL 2-DAY

Joel 2 is cited twice in the New Testament. Look up the following Scriptures, reading them and the verses around them. How do these words of Joel apply to you today?

Read Joel 2:28-32.

Acts 2:17-21 (Read Acts 2:17-28, 37-40.)

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Romans 10:13 (Read Romans 1:8-17.)

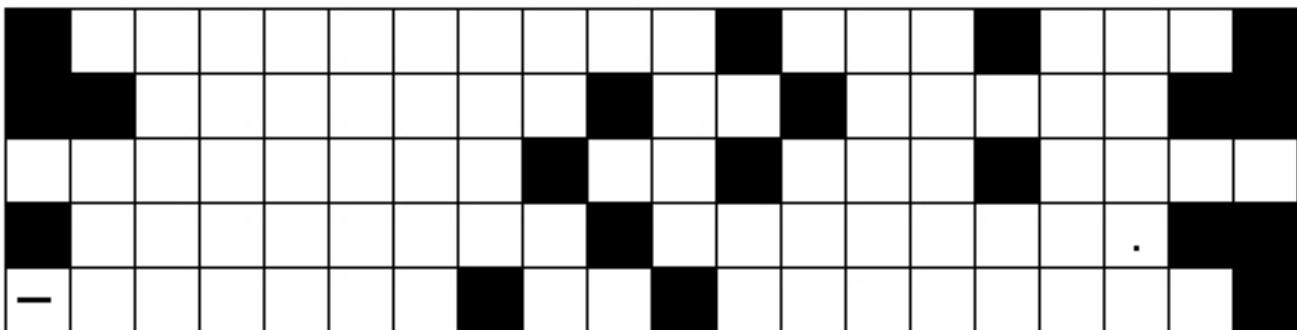
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## PUZZLING

Below each column of boxes is a column of letters. Choose from the letter column to fill the boxes directly above it. Mark off each letter as it is used. (Hints: Start with columns with single letters. Also look for short words. “The” and “and” are among the most common three-letter words.)



Write your answer here: \_\_\_\_\_

Puzzle made at puzzle-maker.com

## A PSALM 23 MISSION

Psalm 23 is full of blessings the Lord, our good shepherd, provides for us each day. Review this list of things you can do to be God’s shepherd to someone you know. Write the initials of someone you know in one or more of the blanks as a reminder of your Psalm 23 mission.

- \_\_\_\_\_ A trustworthy leader (Psalm 23:1)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Physical needs met (Psalm 23:1)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rest and refreshment (Psalm 23:2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Direction in righteousness (Psalm 23:3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Protection in distress (Psalm 23:4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Feeling safe and secure (Psalm 23:4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ A good friend (Psalm 23:5)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Joy and abundance (Psalm 23:5)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Forgiveness (Psalm 23:6)
- \_\_\_\_\_ The hope of Heaven (Psalm 23:6)



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*Student Reproducible Page for Lesson 5, “Shepherding Love” (Psalm 23, KJV) page 487*

## HERE TO HELP

Below is a scrambled list of helping professions. Unscramble each one; then copy the letters in the numbered blanks to the other blanks with the same number. A challenging phrase will be revealed.

1. TEECARH

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6

2. DORCTO

— — — — —  
7      13

3. LSOUNORCE

— — — — —  
2

4. AILOSC ROWREK

— — — — —  
3

5. BASREYTIBT

— — — — —  
9

6. RUNSE

— — — — —  
14

7. LARWEY

— — — — —  
8

8. CEOLIP CROFIEF

— — — — —  
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9. TIRFEFHERRIG

— — — — —  
1

10. TIRPERTEERN

— — — — —  
5

11. RAAVETRINNEI

— — — — —  
11                10

12. NAEDIICIT

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1      2      3      4      5      6

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7      8

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9      10      11      12      13      14

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## APPLYING JOHN 3:16

It's good to be able to quote John 3:16, but it's even better to understand and use the truths contained in it. How would you use John 3:16 to help or comfort the following people?



Ramona: "Lately I've had so much trouble in my life that I don't really believe God loves me." \_\_\_\_\_

Jerome: "Why should I have anything to do with God? What's He ever done for me?" \_\_\_\_\_

Keira: "Being a Christian and standing up for my beliefs is so hard. Some days, I just don't know if it's worth it."

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## FROM EARLY MORNING TO THE LATE SHOW

**H:** Peter, we are happy to have you on the program today. We have just read your letter to believers around the world, and we wanted to discuss it.

**P:** Happy to be here. It's a privilege talk about what really matters.

**H:** It seems your major theme is how the death of your rabbi Jesus was really a victory.

**P:** That is not quite true. Jesus died on the cross. But the victory came when we discovered on the third day that He had risen.

**H:** Well, Peter, in order to help you explain what happened on that day, we have two more guests. Let's welcome Mary Magdalene and John, son of Zebedee. [Audience applause]

**P:** So glad you two have joined me. If you remember, we did not understand what had happened when we first saw the empty tomb.

**Mary Magdalene:** True. I arrived at the grave just before dawn, only to find that it had been unsealed and was empty.

**John:** That is when you ran to Peter and me. I remember how upset you were. It was bad enough that Jesus was crucified. But had someone added insult to injury by stealing His body?

**P:** True. So, John, you and I ran to investigate. You arrived first, as I recall.

**J:** Yes. I looked in and saw that the tomb was empty and the grave clothes were lying there. Then you arrived and barged right into the tomb!

**P:** Ha, ha! I have always been the impulsive type. Inside, I noticed something strange. The head covering had been neatly folded and placed to the side.

**J:** That made me think that maybe something happened that was more than we understood at the time.

**MM:** I came to Peter and John for answers, but they were as confused as I was! They finally went back home while I remained at the grave.

**P:** It took us a while to understand what had happened. Jesus appeared to us time and time again over the next forty days.

**H:** Forty days? So you had lots of time to see Him alive again.

**J:** Yes, we did. Time and time again He demonstrated that He was alive. He explained the Scriptures that predicted that He would be raised from the dead.

**H:** So, Peter. In your letter, you explain what you learned?

**P:** Exactly! What at first seemed to be a tragedy turned out to be the greatest event in history! Because Jesus was raised, we will be raised. We need not fear death because He conquered it for us.

**H:** Thank you for joining us. We encourage our viewers to read your letter, Peter.

**P, MM, J:** Thanks for having us!

# BUY THE BEST

Advertisers are not shy about advertising their products! See how many of these products you can identify by their slogans.

1. Mmm, mm good. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The happiest place on earth. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Good to the last drop. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The best tires in the world have \_\_\_\_\_ written all over them.
5. It's the real thing. \_\_\_\_\_
6. They're g-r-r-eat! \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ makes the very best chocolate.
8. Bring out the \_\_\_\_\_ and bring out the best.
9. The best part of waking up is \_\_\_\_\_ in your cup.
10. What's the best tuna? \_\_\_\_\_

## SAYING IT ANOTHER WAY



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Find the verses from Romans 5:6-11; 8:31-39 that the following sayings either remind you of or summarize. Some verses will be used more than once.

- \_\_\_\_ 1. Jesus died so we can live.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Why did Christ die? To show how much God loves sinners!
- \_\_\_\_ 3. God helps those who can't help themselves.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. Who's afraid of God's wrath at the final judgment? Not us!
- \_\_\_\_ 5. Did you hear about the marine who fell on a grenade to save his buddies?
- \_\_\_\_ 6. Jesus' work is the only thing I can brag about.
- \_\_\_\_ 7. If God has pardoned us, can anyone declare us guilty?
- \_\_\_\_ 8. Got trouble? Bring it on! God loves us!

# WHO'S THE BOSS?

What are some differences between small business owners and the average worker? Identify the following statements as true (T) or false (F).



- 1. About 4 in 10 small business owners work 10 or more hours a day.
- 2. About 6 in 10 small business owners work 6 or more days a week.
- 3. About 7 in 10 small business owners do not take a vacation of a week or more each year.
- 4. About 1 in 4 small business owners work an hour or two on their days off.
- 5. About 6 in 10 small business owners work on most holidays.
- 6. About 2 in 10 employees work 10 or more hours a day.
- 7. About 2 in 10 employees work more than 5 days a week.
- 8. About 3 in 10 employees work on most holidays.

# HOW TO SPOT A GOOD SHEPHERD

Read John 10:1-15. Identify each of the statements below as referring to a shepherd (S), a rustler (R), or a hired hand (H). Be ready to discuss how each description relates to Jesus or to some religious leaders in Jesus' time and today.



- 1. Breaks into the sheep pen.
- 2. Is recognized by the sheep
- 3. Is not followed by the sheep.
- 4. Will destroy the sheep for personal profit.
- 5. Lays down his life for the sheep.
- 6. Abandons the sheep when danger comes.
- 7. Has the porter/gatekeeper open the door for him.
- 8. Provides a full, abundant life for the sheep.
- 9. Does not own the sheep.
- 10. Cares nothing for the sheep.

# WHY RUN AWAY?

Consider these reasons for an individual running away from another person or circumstance. Rate each from 1 to 5, with 1 being a poor reason and 5 being an excellent reason for running away.

- Fear
- Avoidance of duty
- Procrastination
- Sense of personal inadequacy
- Panic
- Needing to be hidden/incognito
- To flee abuse or trauma
- Search for a better situation
- Avoidance of arrest or imprisonment
- Seeking acceptance



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## A SERVANT OF GOD WITH FLAWS

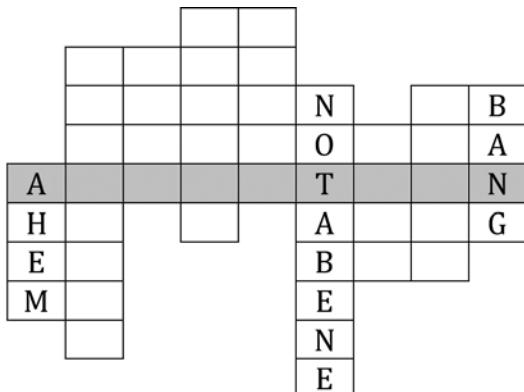
Everyone knows a servant of God with flaws. Some flaws are covert—internal matters of belief and attitude. Others are overt—matters of obedience. Jonah was one such servant. We might say that the following list includes some of the flaws of Jonah.

- Sleeping when he should be praying
- Not admitting his guilt until confronted
- Saying “no” to God’s direct command
- Indifference to the well-being of others
- Considering God to be local and provincial
- Encouraging others to do what they considered wrong to solve his problem

Place a checkmark by one or two flaws in the list that you share with Jonah. Pray throughout the week that God will help you deal with those flaws.

# FOR A REASON

We make a lot of noise! Noise and noisemakers have purpose. Fit the noises and noisemakers listed below into the vertical columns of the puzzle grid. When done correctly, the purpose for noisemakers will appear in the shaded row.



AHEM

NOTA BENE

BANG

PSST

BEEP

RING

KNOCK

SIREN

HEY THERE

## A COMMON CHRISTIAN RESOLUTION

Few resolutions are repeated more often among Christians than this: “I resolve to pray more, in all circumstances.” Note the following phrases, prayer ideas, from Jonah’s prayer in chapter 2, and identify occasions from your own life experience that have or could elicit such a thought.

“Thank You for never being too busy to hear me” (v. 2).

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“Lord, I feel like I am totally lost sometimes” (v. 3).

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“I’ve got Heaven on my mind” (v. 4).

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“Thank You, God, for raising me up” (v. 6b).

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“I remember You, Lord; remember my fervent prayers to You” (v. 7).

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“I know many are forsaking the mercy You offer, Lord” (v. 8).

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“I can use my voice in thanksgiving to You” (v. 9).

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“Lord, I want to keep my commitment to You” (v. 9).

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“Your salvation, O God, is my delight” (v. 9).

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# IT MUST BE TRUE! I SAW IT ON THE INTERNET!

Computer technology has contributed to society in many positive ways. It has also been a way to spread stories that may or may not be true. Can you separate the items below that are true (T) from those that are falsehoods (F)?

- 1. Easter Island Heads Have Bodies Buried Beneath Them!
- 2. McDonald's Coffee Contains French Fry Grease!
- 3. Woman Finds Tongue-Eating Parasite in a Can of Tuna!
- 4. Newspaper Article from 1922 Discusses Arctic Ocean Climate Change!
- 5. The U.S. Government Purchased 30,000 Guillotines!
- 6. Boy Sang Gospel Song Until Kidnapper Released Him!
- 7. ISIS Released a “Kill List” of U.S. Armed Forces Members!
- 8. NASA Received an Alien Distress Call in 1998!

## SURPRISED OR EXPECTED?

How do people usually react concerning “the end is near” preaching? Below are some of the events described in Jonah 3. Think about each one, and mark it as either something you found surprising (S) or something you would expect to happen (E). Be ready to discuss your choices.

- 1. God gave Jonah a second chance
- 2. Jonah obeyed God the second time he was commanded.
- 3. Jonah preached impending doom without any offer of repentance.
- 4. The people of Nineveh took Jonah seriously.
- 5. Members of every socio-economic group in Nineveh demonstrated true repentance.
- 6. The king ordered the people to fast and repent, issuing a royal decree.
- 7. God accepted the sincerity of the Ninevites and relented from His plan.

# DIDN'T SEE IT COMING

History is filled with examples of unintended consequences. Sometimes a policy produced positive side effects (called “serendipity”) while others led to negative side effects (called “blowback”). Can you match the following policies with their unintended consequences?

## Policies

- 1. Demilitarized zones created between hostile countries after a war
- 2. Special hunting reserves set aside for British nobles in the past
- 3. Prohibition—banning sales and production of alcoholic beverages
- 4. Ornamental shrub kudzu planted to abate erosion
- 5. Requiring passenger side airbags to reduce traffic accident injuries
- 6. Protest of a book or movie
- 7. Support for Mujahideen to fight USSR

## Consequences

- a. Serious injuries of small children
- b. Rise of the Taliban
- c. New wildlife habitats created
- d. More publicity for objectionable material
- e. Killing off of native plants
- f. Preservation of land for public parks of today
- g. Growth of organized crime

# WHAT KIND OF LOVE?

The following word puzzle is “filled with love.” See if you can find the 13 descriptions of love in this quarter’s lessons (clue—check the lesson titles).

G	L	O	V	E	L	O	V	G	R	E	A	T	R
N	E	L	O	V	E	L	N	O	V	E	L	P	E
I	O	V	E	L	O	I	V	E	L	P	O	R	C
V	G	N	I	D	R	E	H	P	E	H	S	O	O
R	S	V	E	O	L	O	V	R	E	G	U	T	N
E	S	U	T	L	O	V	V	S	N	E	S	E	C
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P	H	E	V	L	G	O	O	V	E	L	N	N	N
T	C	E	F	R	E	P	T	O	V	E	I	G	G
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- 12. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson 1

Answer to Key Word: Love.

Answers to Justice and Mercy. Romans 12:19—God's role of justice. Isaiah 30:18—God's role of mercy and justice. Isaiah 1:17—Our role of justice and mercy. Matthew 5:7—Our role of mercy. Luke 6:36, 37—God's role and our role of mercy.

## Lesson 2

Answer to Big Change. Wage. Sage. Sale. Salt. Silt. Sift. Gift.

Answer to Heaven Bound. Answers will vary.

## Lesson 3

Answers to So You Think You Can Plant! 1=d. 2=e. 3=e. 4=c.  
5=a.

## Lesson 4

Answers to Sorry Apologies. Answers will vary.

Answers to Joel 2-Day. Answers will vary.

## Lesson 5

Answer to Puzzling, Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty. —Teresa of Calcutta

Answers to A Psalm 23 Mission. Answers will vary.

## Lesson 6

Answers for Here to Help. 1=teacher. 2=doctor. 3=counselor. 4=social worker. 5=babysitter. 6=nurse. 7=lawyer. 8=police officer. 9=firefighter. 10=interpreter. 11=veterinarian. 12=dietician. Challenging phrase=Helper or Savior?

Answers to Applying John 3:16. Answers will vary.

## Lesson 8

Answers to Buy the Best: 1= Campbell's soup. 2= Disneyland. 3=Maxwell House coffee. 4=Goodyear. 5=Coca-Cola. 6=Kellogg's Frosted Flakes. 7=Nestlé's. 8. Hellmann's. 9=Folgers. 10=Chicken of the Sea.

Answers to Saying It Another Way: Suggested responses. 1=5:10. 2=5:8. 3=5:6. 4=5:9. 5=5:7. 6=5:11. 7=8:33. 8=8:38.

## Lesson 9

Answers to Who's the Boss. Research shows all to be true.

Answers to How to Spot a Good Shepherd. 1=R. 2=S. 3=R. 4=R. 5=S. 6=H. 7=S. 8=S. 9=H. 10=H.

## Lesson 10

Answers to Why Run Away? Answers will vary.

Answers to A Servant of God. Answers will vary.

## Lesson 11

Answers to For a Reason.

H	P		I	S				
E	S	B	R	N		K	B	
Y	S	E	E	O	R	N	A	
A	T	T	E	N	T	I	O	N
H	H		P		A	N	C	G
E	E				B	G	K	
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Answers for A Common Christian Resolution. Answers will vary.

## Lesson 12

Answers to It Must Be True! I Saw it on the Internet! 1=T. 2=F. 3=F. 4=T. 5=F. 6=T. 7=T. 8=F.

Answers to Surprised or Expected? Answers will vary.

## Lesson 13

Answers to Didn't See It Coming. 1=c. 2=f. 3=g. 4=e. 5=a. 6=d. 7=b.

Answers to What Kind of Love? Perfect, Great, Matchless, Restoring, Shepherding, Saving, Victorious, Reconciling, Protecting, Sustaining, Preserving, Forgiving, Pervasive.

G	L	O	V	E	L	O	V	G	R	E	A	T	R
N	E	L	O	V	E	L	N	O	V	E	L	P	E
I	O	V	E	L	O	I	V	E	L	P	O	R	C
V	G	N	I	D	R	E	H	P	E	H	S	O	O
R	S	V	E	O	L	O	V	R	E	G	U	T	N
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P	H	E	V	L	G	O	O	V	E	L	N	N	N
T	C	E	F	R	E	P	T	O	V	E	I	G	G
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