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1. A funny my 16 year old son, Johnathan, came up with the other day as we saw a Dominoes delivery car pass by. He said "Dominoes pizza tastes too gamey."
2. A joke I came up with - "What do you call a camera that is happy one minute and sad the next? A Bi-Polaroid!"
3. A saying I coined about a year ago - "If God had wanted man to stay indoors all the time, He would have put Adam in the House of Eden."

Submitted by:  
Steve at the  
Vineyard Christian Retreat  
Center.

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can give  
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The current cry is hold  
police accountable. I truly  
believe police would do a  
far better job if COURTS  
actually held CRIMINALS  
accountable

### Living Above the Level of Mediocrity

Once a spider built a beautiful web in an old house. He kept it clean and shiny so that flies would patronize it. The minute he got a "customer" he would clean up on him so the other flies would not get suspicious. Then one day this fairly intelligent fly came buzzing by the clean spider web. Old man spider called out, "Come in and sit." But the fairly intelligent fly said, "No, sir. I don't see other flies in your house, and I am not going in alone!" But presently he saw on the floor below a large crowd of flies dancing around on a piece of brown paper. He was delighted! He was not afraid if lots of flies were doing it. So he came in for a landing. Just before he landed, a bee zoomed by, saying, "Don't land there, stupid! That's flypaper!" But the fairly intelligent fly shouted back, "Don't be silly. Those flies are dancing. There's a big crowd there. Everybody's doing it. That many flies can't be wrong!" Well, you know what happened. He died on the spot. Some of us want to be with the crowd to badly that we end up in a mess. What does it profit a fly (or a person) if he escapes the web only to end up in the glue?  
Charles Swindoll

Nothing in nature lives for itself.  
Rivers don't drink their own water.  
Trees don't eat their own fruit.  
The sun doesn't shine for itself.  
Flowers don't spread fragrance for themselves.  
Living for others is the rule.

**Recycle Christmas Cards.**  
Save your Christmas cards from the previous year, cut the written side and use the front as a pretty gift tag or paste it on the package instead of a bow.

**REMEMBER WHEN NANCY PELOSI SAID" WE NEED TO PASS IT TO SEE WHAT'S IN IT?" THAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A STOOL SAMPLE.**

President Biden

went to visit a nursing home.

He walked up to a lady in a wheel chair and said, "Maam, do you know who I am?"

She answered, "No sir, I don't know who you are, but if you go up to that desk they can tell you."

### THIS JUST IN:

**The smoke detector industry is covering up research showing more people are injured every year falling from ladders and stepstools while trying to replace smoke detector batteries than are injured in actual house fires.**

(yes, of course this is a joke, and we all must still replace those blasted batteries!)

**I'm not saying El P's chip sauce is too hot, but I took a jar home and put it my refrigerator and the next morning my refrigerator had defrosted!!**

**I had to apologize to Martha, the waitress at Rodeo's Mexican Restaurant. I ordered a Taco Salad but I was so hungry that I accidentally ate the bowl.**

**Dentist: I have to pull the aching tooth, but don't worry -- it will take just five minutes.**

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**Patient: \$90.00 for just a few minutes of work?**

**Dentist: I can extract it very slowly if you like.**

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"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"

"Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said.

"My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night.

When I stopped the bus to pick up Chris for preschool, I noticed an older woman hugging him as he left the house. "Is that your grandmother?" I asked. "Yes," Chris said. "She's come to visit us for Christmas." "How nice," I said. "Where does she live?" "At the airport," Chris replied. "Whenever we want her, we just go out there and get her.

When my wife says "We'll see", there's a 100% chance it isn't happening. She may throw in an "Ohhh that sounds fun." for decoration, but it's still not happening.

*Newspaper Headlines with Double Meanings*

1. L.A. Voters Approve Urban Renewal by Landslide
2. Patient at Death's Door - Doctors Pull Him Through
3. Queen Mary Having Bottom Scraped
4. Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
5. Killer Sentenced to Die for Second Time in 10 Years
6. Never Withhold Herpes Infection from Loved One
7. Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
8. Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

**May The Joy & Peace of Knowing  
 Christ Jesus  
 Be Yours  
 This Christmas.**



**Roger & Tric,  
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**BLOCKS**  
**AWAY IN A**

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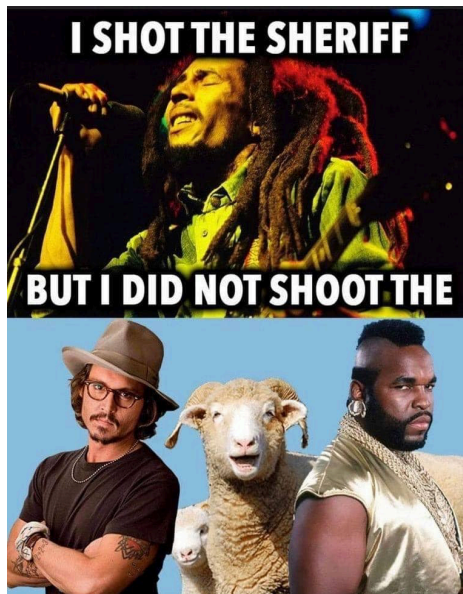
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Instead of "build back better," I'd be happy with just put it back the way it was before.

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J.C.,

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probably  
right.



### THE HOTEL IS FULL

A Jewish lady named Mrs. Rosenberg many years ago was stranded late one night at a fashionable resort - one that did not admit Jews. The desk clerk looked down at his book and said,

"Sorry, no room. The hotel is full."

The Jewish lady said, "But your sign says that you have vacancies."

The desk clerk stammered and then said curtly, "You know that we do not admit Jews. Now if you will try the other side of town..."

Mrs. Rosenberg stiffened noticeably and said, "I'll have you know I converted to your religion."

The desk clerk said, "Oh, yeah, let me give you a little test. How was Jesus born?"

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born to a virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem."

"Very good," replied the hotel clerk. "Tell me more."

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born in a manger."

"That's right," said the hotel clerk. "And why was he born in a manger?"

Mrs. Rosenberg said loudly, "Because a jerk like you in the hotel wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room for the night!"

# HUNT T'S KITCHEN

## EGGNOG CREAMS

### Ingredients

- 3-1/2 cups white baking chips, divided
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons dark rum
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- Ground nutmeg, optional



### Directions

1. In a microwave, melt 1-1/2 cups baking chips; stir until smooth. In a small bowl, cream butter and cream cheese until smooth. Add rum and vanilla. Beat in melted chips. Refrigerate, covered, 1 hour or until set.
2. Shape mixture into 1-in. balls; place on a waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Refrigerate 2 hours or until firm and slightly dry to the touch.
3. In a microwave, melt shortening and remaining baking chips; stir until smooth. Dip balls in mixture; allow excess to drip off. Return to baking sheet; if desired, sprinkle with nutmeg.
4. Refrigerate 2 hours or until set. Store between layers of waxed paper in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

## TEXAS PECAN PRALINES

### Ingredients

- 3 teaspoons butter

# HAVE A SWEET CHRISTMAS

- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup half-and-half cream
- 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup
- Dash salt
- 3 cups pecan halves
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract



### Directions

1. Line 3 baking sheets with foil and grease the foil with 1 teaspoon butter each; set aside.
2. In a large heavy saucepan over medium heat, melt cubed butter. Stir in sugars, cream, milk, corn syrup and salt; cook and stir until mixture comes to a boil. Cook, stirring occasionally, until a candy thermometer reads 236° (soft-ball stage), about 20 minutes.
3. Remove from heat; stir in pecans and vanilla. Cool, without stirring, to 170°, about 20 minutes. Stir with a wooden spoon until mixture just begins to thicken but is still glossy, about 2 minutes.
4. Quickly drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto prepared baking sheets. Let stand until pralines are set and no longer glossy. Refrigerate until completely set, about 1 hour. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

## PEANUT BUTTER SNOWBALLS

### Ingredients

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 pound white candy coating, coarsely chopped
- Chopped peanuts, optional



### Directions

1. In a bowl, combine the sugar, peanut butter and butter. Chill in freezer for 30 minutes or until the mixture is easy to handle. Shape into 1-in. balls and place on a waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Freeze for 30 minutes or until firm.
2. Meanwhile, melt the candy coating in a microwave-safe bowl. Dip each ball and place on waxed paper to harden. If desired, sprinkle with chopped peanuts.

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## CREAMY ORANGE CARAMELS

### Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon plus 1 cup butter, divided
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon orange extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



### Directions

1. Line an 11x7-in. dish with foil, letting ends extend over sides by 1 in.; grease foil with 1 teaspoon butter.
2. In a large heavy saucepan, combine the sugar, corn syrup and remaining butter. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to medium-low; boil gently, without stirring, for 4 minutes.
3. Remove from the heat; gradually stir in milk. Cook and stir until a candy thermometer reads 244° (firm-ball stage). Remove from the heat; stir in extracts. Immediately pour into prepared dish (do not scrape saucepan). Let stand until firm.
4. Using foil, lift out candy; remove foil. Using a buttered knife, cut caramel into scant 1-1/2x1-in. pieces. Wrap individually in waxed paper; twist ends.

## CHOCOLATE CARAMELS

### Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup light corn syrup
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 1-1/2 cups heavy whipping cream, divided



### Directions

1. Line a 9x5-in. loaf pan with foil and grease the foil with butter; set aside.
2. In a large heavy saucepan, bring the sugar, corn syrup and chocolate to a boil over medium heat; stir until smooth. Add 1/2 cup cream; cook, stirring constantly, until a candy thermometer reads 234° (soft-ball stage). Add another 1/2 cup cream; return mixture to 234° (soft-ball stage). Add the remaining cream; cook to 245° (firm-ball stage).
3. Immediately pour into prepared pan (do not scrape saucepan). Let stand until firm, about 5 hours or overnight. Using foil, lift candy out of pan. Discard foil; cut candy into 1-in. squares using a buttered knife. Wrap individually in waxed paper; twist ends.

## BUTTER PECAN FUDGE

### Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon plus 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans, toasted



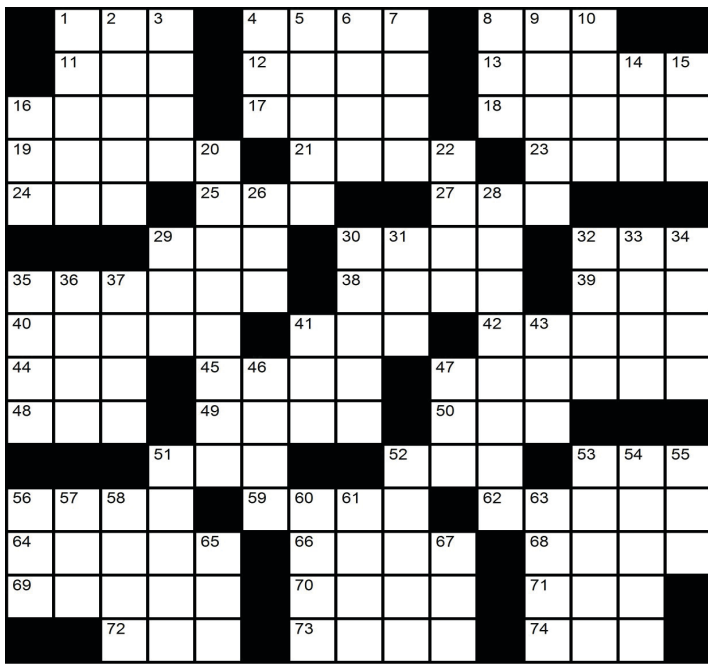
### Directions

1. Line an 8-in. square pan with foil; grease foil with 1 teaspoon butter.
2. In a large heavy saucepan, combine remaining butter, granulated and brown sugars, cream and salt. Bring to a rapid boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Cook, without stirring, until a candy thermometer reads 234° (soft-ball stage). Remove from heat. Add vanilla to pan (do not stir).
3. Cool, without stirring, to 110°, about 30 minutes. Beat with a spoon until fudge just begins to thicken. Gradually stir in confectioners' sugar until smooth; add nuts and continue stirring until fudge becomes very thick and just begins to lose its sheen. Immediately spread into prepared pan. Cool.
4. Using foil, lift fudge out of pan. Remove foil; cut fudge into 1-in. squares. Store between layers of waxed paper in an airtight container.



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For Rest that brings us ease,  
For Home where memories linger,  
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**SOLUTION ON PAGE 29**



My husband called on his way home from work to ask if I wanted a cheeseburger. I said I didn't, I would just have one bite of his. He brought me home my own cheeseburger and I think this is why our marriage has lasted over 14 years now.

**I go to KFC to get the kids something to eat. They wanted the kids meal with a leg so I said "kids meal with the leg" and the lady says "which side?" There's complete silence as I heavily contemplate such an odd decision. "I guess the right side, I didn't know what the difference is." After several moments of laughter she says "no hunny, which side would you like to go with the leg? Mashed potatoes or wedges"**



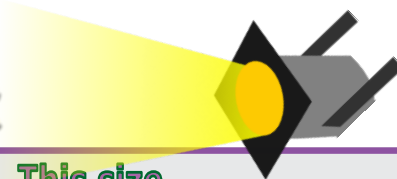
WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them...And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:9-11



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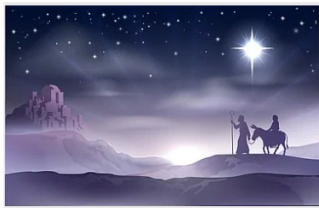
There are 10 differences between the two snowman pictures. Can you find them all?



## CLAYBANK MASTER GARDENERS

Greetings gardeners & growers from Lower Alabama (LA),

\*\*Did our chilly November nights send you scurrying for sheets or towels to cover your tender plants to protect them from frost damage? Double layers of sheets are best, or a thick layer of pine or leaf mulch, or even an overturned larger pot. At our November Claybank Master Gardener meeting we exchanged ideas for frost protection, and some of the above were recommended. I have filled gallon jugs with hot water to set under the covers next to the most tender plants for seriously freezing weather, with good results. Plastic covers are not recommended unless they are resting on something to keep them from touching the leaves, because they can cause frost burn on the leaves they touch. Remove covers after the sun comes up so the plants can get air and sun. A good watering before the freeze will also give the plants a better chance to survive.



\*\*Taking the Master Gardener class taught me way more than I ever expected, and it was so much fun meeting other folks in the area with interests and experiences that continue to educate me. Starting February 3, 2022 the course is being offered both in person at the Houston County Extension Office and online through Zoom. See details on the poster with this column.

\*\*You can still plant seeds for December if the soil temperature is at 35° for these plants: lettuce, onions, parsnip, and spinach. At 40° you can plant beets, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, Swiss chard, parsley, radishes, and turnips.

\*\*Claybank Master Gardeners meet at 11 AM the second Wednesday of each month at Hoppergrass Restaurant, 129 S. East Avenue in Ozark. You can buy lunch if you wish, feel free to come join us. We welcome new faces!

## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

I have a list of people I know,  
All written in a book;  
And every year when Christmas  
comes,  
I go and take a look,  
And that is when I realize  
That those names are a part  
Not of the book they are written in,  
But of my very heart.  
For each name stands for someone  
Who has crossed my path  
sometime,  
And in the meeting they've become  
A treasured friend of mine  
For once you've met some people,  
the years cannot erase  
The memory of a pleasant word  
or of a friendly face.  
So when I send a Christmas card  
that is addressed to you,  
It is because you're on the list  
that I'm indebted to  
And you are one of many folk who  
In times past I've met,  
And you happen to be one of those  
I don't want to forget.  
And whether I have known you  
for many years or few,  
In some ways you have a part  
in shaping things I do.  
This, the spirit of Christmas  
that forever and ever endures  
May it leave its richest blessings  
in the hearts of you and yours.

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**If two people love each other, nothing is impossible. Except deciding where to eat.**

# Unwrapping The Gift

By: Wallace Kennedy, Jr.



Of the things I enjoyed most about Christmas was watching my children gather around the Christmas tree, looking for gifts that had their name on them. They ripped off the paper with anticipation that there was something good inside, just for them. The excitement in their eyes, joy filled the room.

When thinking of the word "gift," it is nothing that is owed to us, something that is not earned from works, but freely given because of love. Have you received and unwrap the greatest gift of all, given out of the greatest love of all? That is what love does, it gives.

**John 3:15-18** For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace are ye saved through

faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the **GIFT** of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. Some of the gifts on the tree are the gifts of Himself, the gift of eternal life. The gift of peace, the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit, the unique availability of divine power, a secure immovable foundation, the imputed righteousness of God, through Jesus Christ, and the deliverance from the power and influence of the old sin nature...This is not an exhausted list!

If you are wondering how can I get this free gift, here is the answer to that question:

- **ADMIT.** Admit to God that you need a Savior. The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- **BELIEVE.** Believe that God loves you, despite your mistakes. He sent His son Jesus to die and be raised from the dead so that you can be perfect in God's eyes.
- **CONFESS.** Confess your faith in Jesus to others. The Bible tells us in Romans 10:9 that "if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."

The greatest gift of all, hanged from a tree!

I hope you accepted the free gift of love from God, He desire that none shall parish, but come to repentance and have eternal life. I pray God keep you in His care always.

Have a very Merry Christmas

Tablets were replaced by scrolls. Scrolls were replaced by books.

Now we scroll through books on tablets.



## Football Word Scramble

DIRECTIONS: Unscramble the letters to form American football vocabulary terms. Watch out! A few have more than one word in the term.

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16. OPCINNIRTEET \_\_\_\_\_
17. FAIGEODLL \_\_\_\_\_
18. IKKOFCE \_\_\_\_\_
19. ITHTNDGE \_\_\_\_\_
20. SPAS \_\_\_\_\_

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Don't look at the answers on page 29



My first time using an elevator was an uplifting experience. The second time let me down.

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# Twelve Days of Christmas

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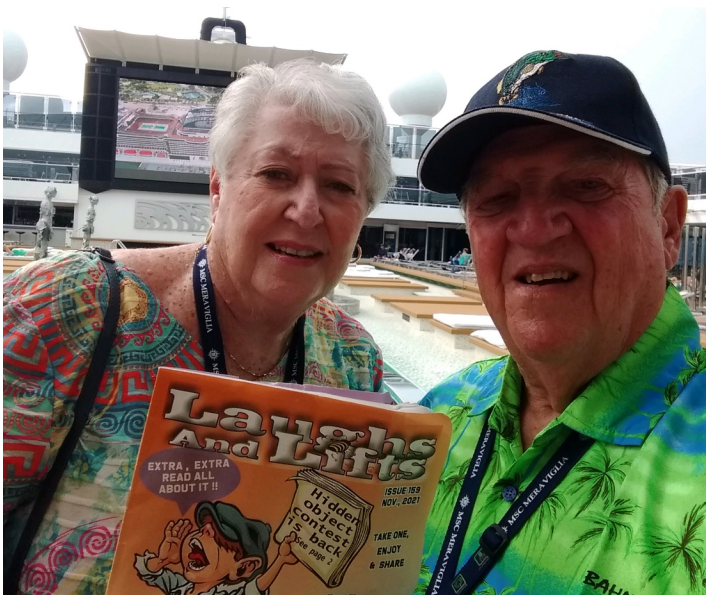
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## THE CHRISTMAS FLIGHT

It was a few days before Christmas. The trip went reasonably well, and he was ready to go back home. The airport on the other end had turned a tacky red and green, and loudspeakers

blared annoying elevator renditions of cherished Christmas carols.

Being someone who took Christmas very seriously, and being slightly tired, he was not in a particularly good mood. (Almost a scrooge) Going to check in his luggage (which, for some reason, had become one suitcase with entirely new clothes), he saw hanging mistletoe. Not real mistletoe, but very cheap plastic with red paint on some of the rounder parts and green paint on some of the flatter and pointer parts, that could be taken for mistletoe only in a very Picasso sort of way.

With a considerable degree of irritation and nowhere else to vent it, he said to the attendant,  
"Even if we were married, I would not want to kiss you under such a ghastly mockery of mistletoe."

"Sir, look more closely at where the mistletoe is."

"Ok, I see that it's above the luggage scale which is the place you'd have to step forward for a kiss."

"That's not why it's there."

"Ok, I give up. Why is it there?"

"It's there so you can kiss your luggage good-bye."

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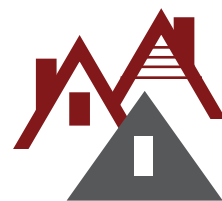


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At our church we have started talking about Advent, the expectation of Christ's soon coming. Early Jews prior to Jesus' birth would celebrate advent in expectation of a savior being born. Songs like, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" sum up what it meant to celebrate advent during this time. However, we celebrate advent in remembering Jesus' birth, while also living with expectation of His 2nd coming. The song, "What a day that will be" written by Jim Hill, is another song that comes to mind that describes what it means to celebrate advent. What is something you are in expectation of this season? Maybe you are looking for relief from stress or frustration due to a particular situation or life in general. Friend, you are not alone we all face troubles in our life and right now is no exception. We can take comfort in the writing from **Matthew 1:23, ...Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel** (which means, God with us). Whoa, talk about a dose of hope! Matthew is repeating the prophecy from Isaiah foretelling of Jesus' first coming and the joy it would have brought to the people who were feeling oppressed. I can hear them saying amongst themselves, "God with us!" "That is what the saviors coming will mean!" Imagine the expectation they felt. Friends as we anticipate Christ's second coming, we can realize that this promise has been fulfilled and can be realized. **Hebrews 13:5-6, Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, ...I will never leave you nor forsake you.** So, we can confidently say, ...**The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?**" The writer of Hebrews gives us a great reminder of this fulfilled promise that we can hold on to as we anticipate Jesus' second coming.

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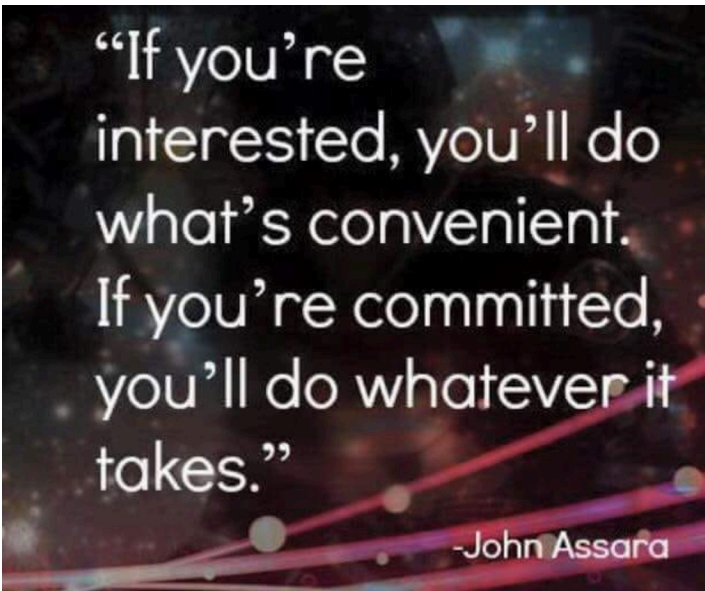
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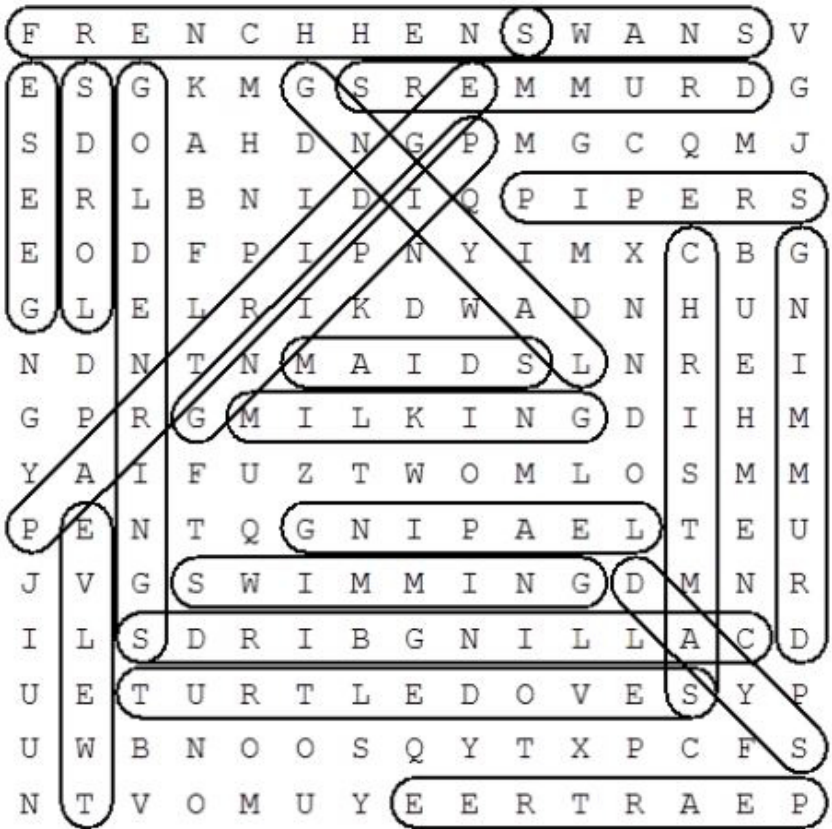
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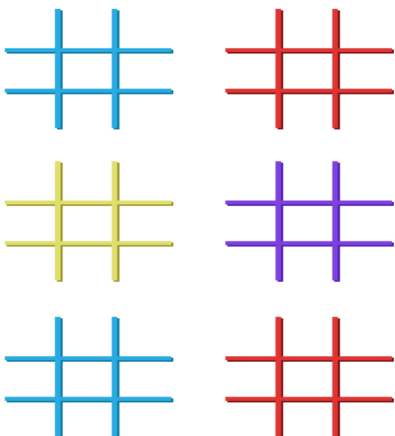
## Wackie Wordies SOLUTION

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2. Cornerstone
3. High jinks
4. Equal Rights
5. Little House on the prairie
6. Waving Goodbye
7. Lucille Ball
8. Partly Cloudy
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Answer to "Do you know why..."  
 " Because deep down they are good people.

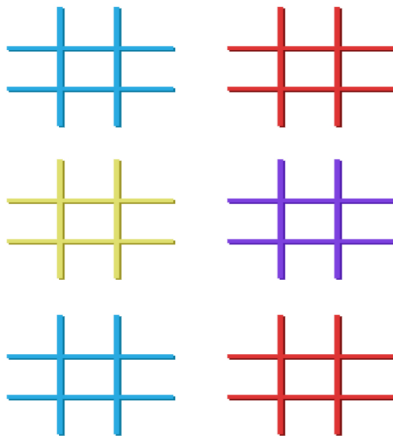
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## Tic Tac Toe



## Football Word Scramble

SOLUTION

1. GURAD \_\_\_\_\_ GUARD
2. ULHDED \_\_\_\_\_ HUDDLE
3. CREENT \_\_\_\_\_ CENTER
4. ILETMHAF \_\_\_\_\_ HALFTIME
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16. OPCINNIRTEET \_\_\_\_\_ INTERCEPTION
17. FATGEODLL \_\_\_\_\_ FIELDGOAL
18. IKKOCFC \_\_\_\_\_ KICKOFF
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20. SPAS \_\_\_\_\_ PASS

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Sure, business cards tell your customers who you are, where you are, and how to get in touch with you...but have you considered how many more exciting ways there are for your business card to pitch your business.

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What better way for your business to share discounts, coupons, or promo codes? Their small size makes them handy to carry or leave for discovery at other local businesses.



## 2 QR CODES



Introductions with videos, websites and social media pages. Print contact info on one side, a QR code on the other and you can tell your WHOLE STORY on one little card!

## 3 APPOINTMENT REMINDERS

Tactile reminders help keep important appointments top-of-mind. Business Cards fit in wallets, planners and other places where reminders work well.



## 4 JEWELRY BACKER CARD



Showcase bracelets, earrings, or even enamel pins on a gorgeous business card. Your customers will love this instant packaging hack!

## 5 GIFT CERTIFICATES

Their mini size makes them adorable, easy to tuck in cards, or carry to and hand out at events. It's a win!



## 6 PINT-SIZED PRICE LIST



Put mini menus on one side and contact info on the other and create a mini price list that can go wherever your customers do!

## 7 THANK YOU CARDS

This small card gives you just enough space to jot a short, but meaningful, thank you. A perfect cost-effective option to include in packages, parcels and pockets!



## 8 SAVE THE DATE CARDS



Create a casual way for you to share important date information or announce launches, sales or online and in person events!

I'm making several family members very happy this Christmas.

You must be giving them a subscription to Laughs and Lifts.



1	2	3	4	5	20	21	22	23
10	9	8	7	6	19	28	27	24
11	12	13	14	15	18	29	26	25
44	43	40	39	16	17	30	31	32
45	42	41	38	37	36	35	34	33
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63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55
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81	80	79	78	77	76	75	74	73

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34	31	30	27	22	19	16	13	2
35	36	37	26	23	18	17	12	3
40	39	38	25	24	9	10	11	4
41	42	43	44	45	8	7	6	5
50	49	48	47	46	73	72	69	68
51	52	79	78	77	74	71	70	67
54	53	80	81	76	75	62	63	66
55	56	57	58	59	60	61	64	65

"What do you want for Christmas?"

"Hmmm ... lately, I've been really into groceries and gas. Utilities are cool too. Stuff like that."

### Shorter In the Evening

Due to cartilage in the spine and knees compressing, people are 1% shorter in the evening than in the morning. The body returns to size during sleep.

### Math Wiz

After writing a simple equation on the board the teacher asked if anyone could solve the problem. Little Johnny walked up to the board, erased it and said, "Problem Solved."

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Barrel Imprint: 1-1/2" x 3/4"  
**40c EACH**  
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I bet you \$4815833738 that you didn't read that number. You skipped right over it. You didn't even realize I put a letter in it. No, I didn't but you went back and looked.

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