

Exploring God's Word



Activity Book New Testament 4 **LESSON 12**

Following Jesus in Persecution Coloring Sheet



“But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles” (Matthew 13:20-21).

Following Jesus Matching Activity

All Ages

Instructions: Draw a line matching the citation with the verse that goes with it.

Hebrews 12:11

“And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance.”

James 1:2-3

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Matthew 5:10

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.”

Romans 5:3

John 16:33

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.”

John 15:18-20

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”



Following Jesus

Fill in the Blank and Matching Activity

Instructions: Using a New King James Version Bible, fill in the blanks below. Then, match the ground with its correct meaning.

Matthew 13:3-9

“Then He spoke many things to them in _____, saying: ‘Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the _____; and the _____ came and _____ them. Some fell on _____ places, where they did not have much _____; and they immediately _____ up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were _____, and because they had no _____ they _____ away. And some fell among _____, and the thorns sprang up and _____ them. But others fell on good ground and _____ a crop: some a _____, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to _____, let him _____!’”

Wayside

“He who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

Stony Places

Thorns

“He who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.”

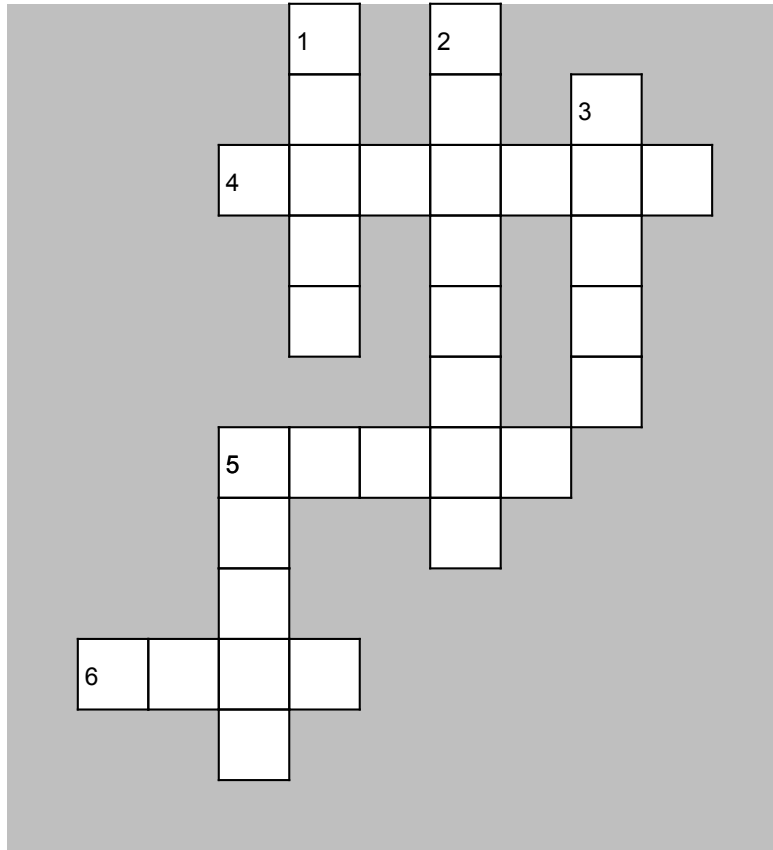
Good Ground

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“When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.”



Following Jesus Crossword Puzzle



Across

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5. The apostle that was killed by Herod
6. _____ and Silas were thrown into prison.

Down

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2. John the _____ was beheaded because he was not afraid to preach the truth to Herod.
3. Killed James and John the Baptizer
5. If we are following _____, we will be different from many of the people around us.

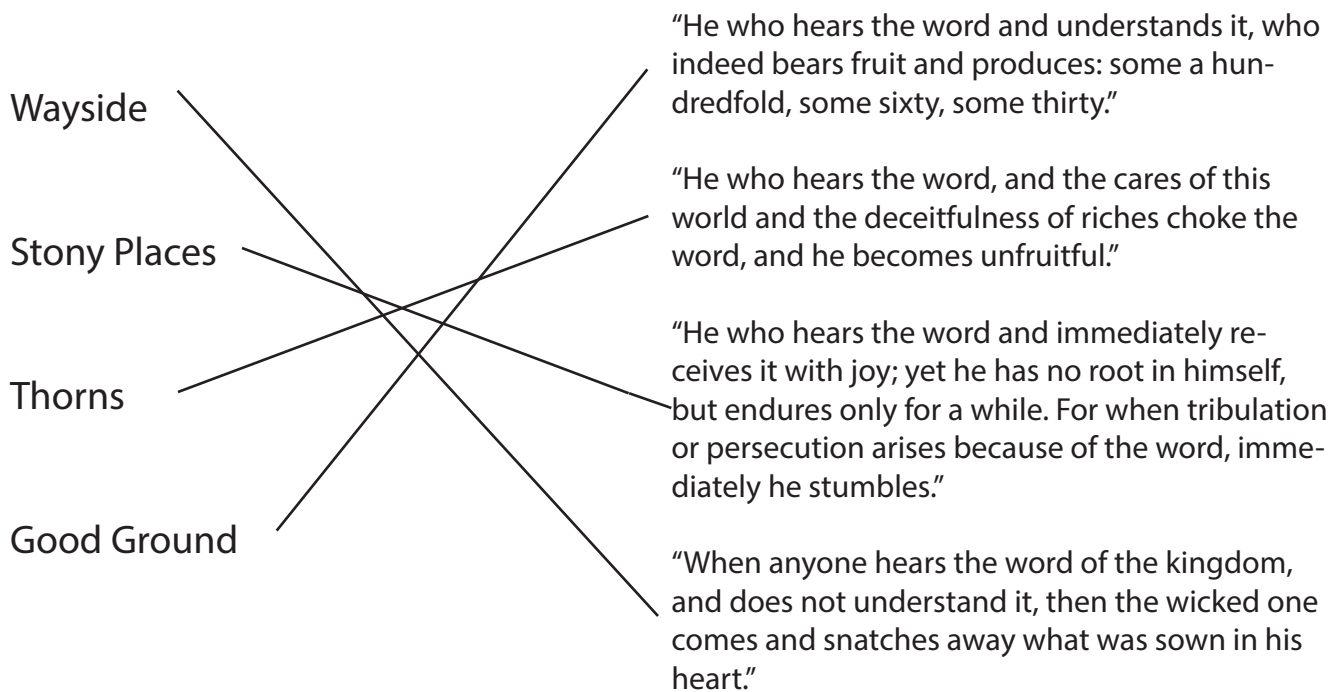


Answer Key

Fill in the Blank

“Then He spoke many things to them in **parables**, saying: ‘Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the **wayside**; and the **birds** came and **devoured** them. Some fell on **stony** places, where they did not have much **earth**; and they immediately **sprang** up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were **scorched**, and because they had no **root** they **withered** away. And some fell among **thorns**, and the thorns sprang up and **choked** them. But others fell on good ground and **yielded** a crop: some a **hundredfold**, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to **hear**, let him **hear**” (Matthew 13:3-9).

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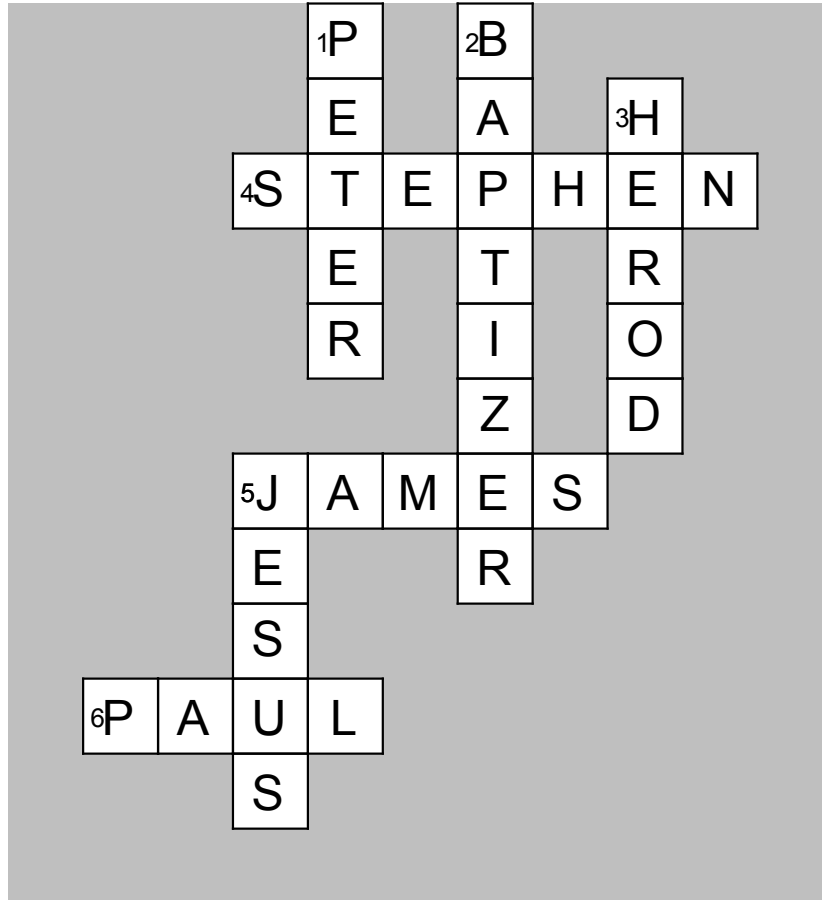
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