

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: We are God's children.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Exodus 20
Hebrews 13
Galatians 5
James 1
1 Corinthians 15
1 John 2:28-3:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

1 John 2:28-3:3

How do you look like the world?
How do you look like God?
How do you look more like God?
Why would you make the effort?

1 John 3:4-6

What is sin?
What is your experience with sin?
Are your sins "events" or "continuous streams"? Why?
Why is the distinction between one time "events" and "streams" important?

1 John 3:7-10

Why did Jesus come?
How has Jesus' purpose effected your life?
What is keeping Jesus from being more effective in your life?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Thank God for His purity.
Acknowledge your sin.
Praise Jesus for His power over Satan.
Ask that His power be at work in you.
Thank God that you can be like Him.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ 1 JOHN 2:28

Have you ever been afraid to face your parents?
What could it feel like to face Jesus?
Use a magnifying glass to inspect each other's faces.

READ 1 JOHN 2:29-3:3

Who in your family do you look like?
Who in God's family do you look like?
Who should you try to be like?
Look through a family album and talk about the similarities and differences.

READ 1 JOHN 3:4-5

What is sin?
The "law" John talks about comes from the Old Testament (example, Exodus 20), but the Bible also talks about obeying others (example, Hebrews 13:17).
Name one of your sins.
Praise God that Jesus takes away our sin!

READ 1 JOHN 3:6-10

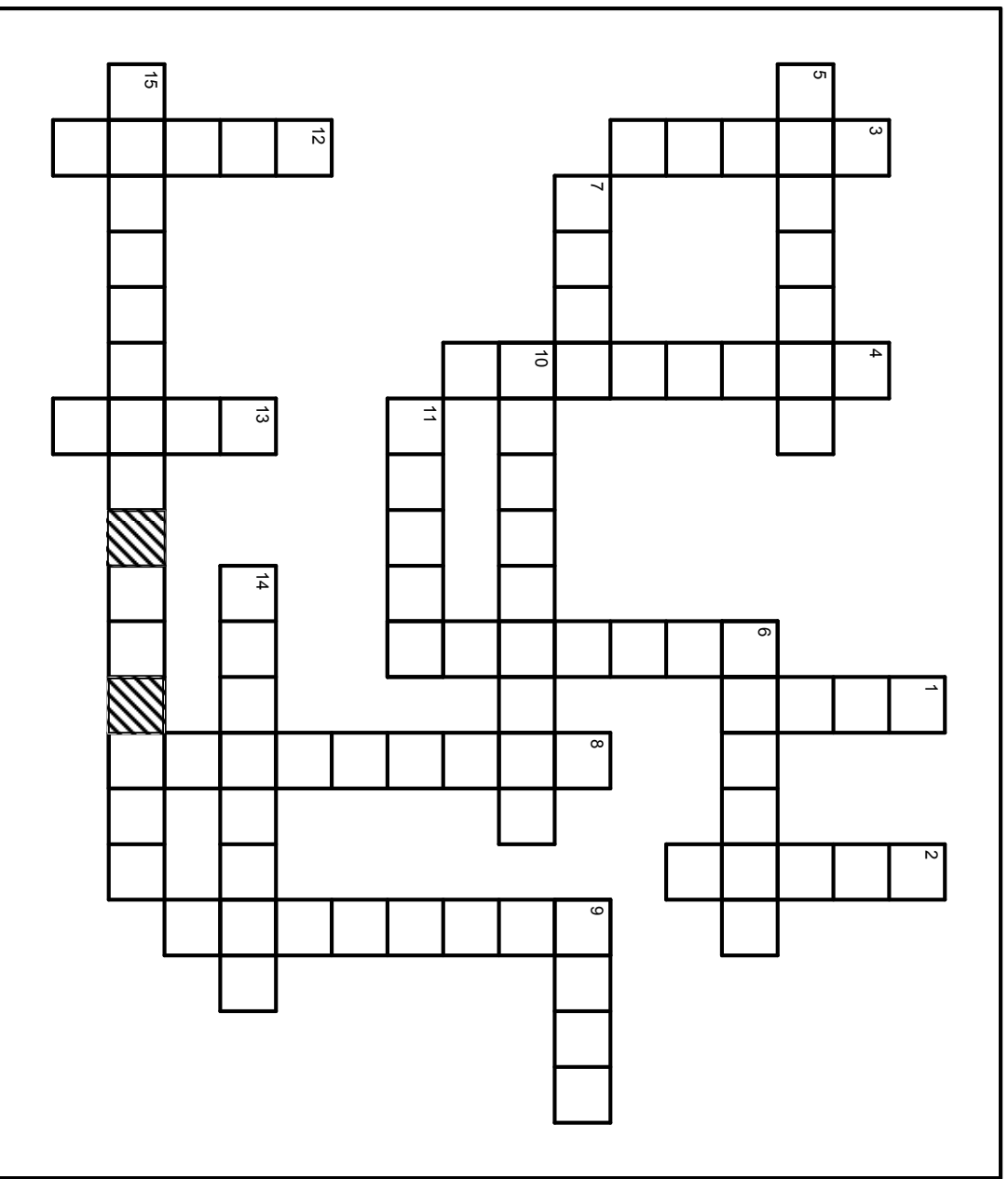
How do we know if someone is part of God's family?
What does it mean to "continue to sin"?
Name a sin that you often repeat.
Name some ways God has given you to stop.
Play "red light-green light".

MEMORY VERSE:

But if _____ His _____,
God's _____ is truly _____ in him.
Whoever _____ to _____ in _____
must _____ as _____.
1 John 2:5-6

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All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



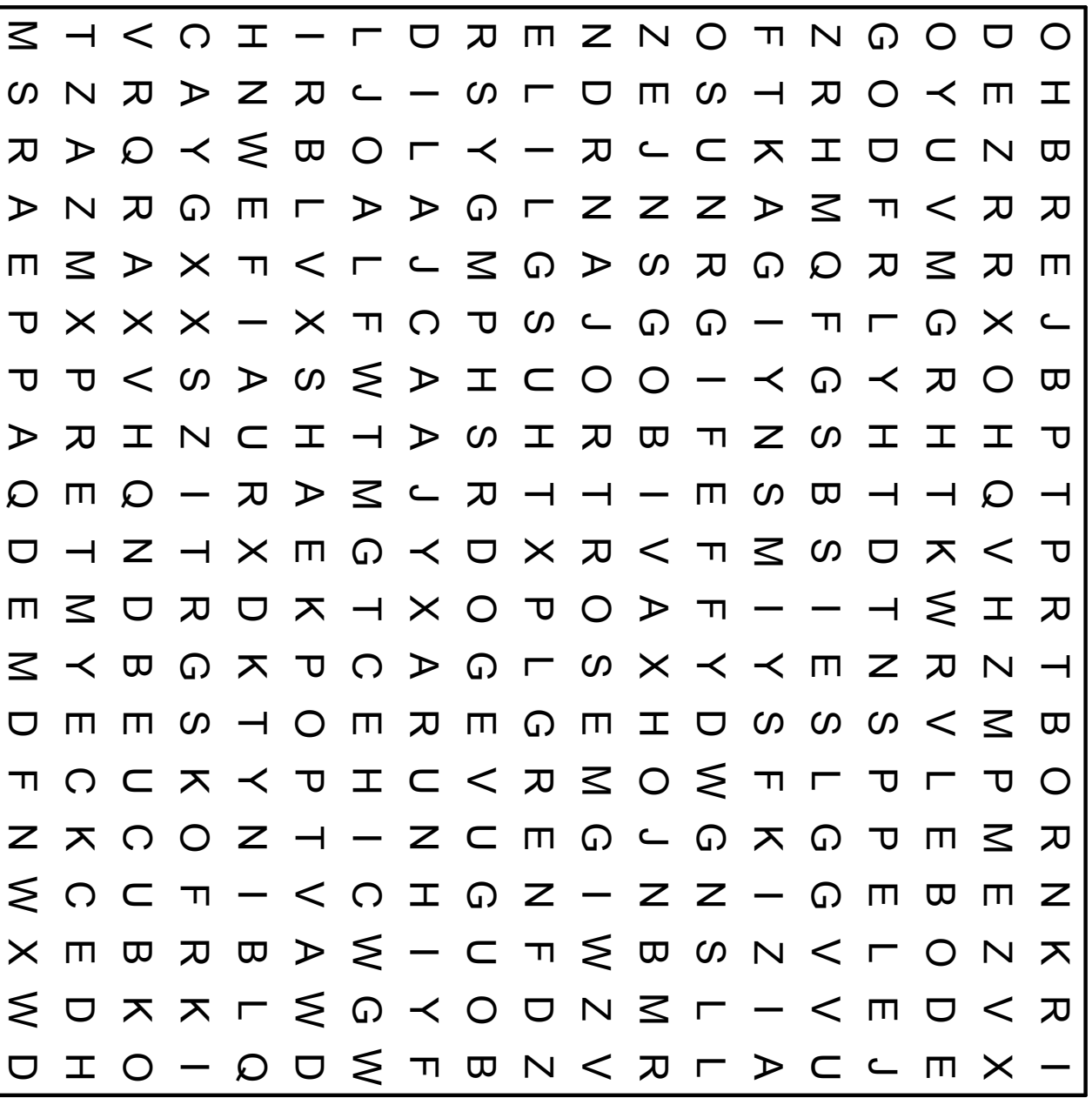
Across

5. get rid of (1 John 3:8)
6. off the right path (1 John 3:7)
7. come out of (1 John 2:29)
9. God wants this for our brother (1 John 3:10)
10. happy with ourselves (1 John 2:28)
11. holds onto (1 John 3:6)
14. cleans up (1 John 3:3)
15. what we are! (1 John 3:1)

Down

1. breaks the law (1 John 3:4)
2. big and wonderful (1 John 3:1)
3. he's the father of sinners (1 John 3:8)
4. keep going (1 John 2:28)
6. is seen (1 John 2:28)
8. start (1 John 3:8)
9. freely given (1 John 3:1)
12. correct (1 John 3:7)
13. a small thing that grows (1 John 3:9)

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continue

appears

unshamed

born

great

lavished

children of God

purifies

sins

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right

Devil

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destroy

seed

love

