

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: We do not need to be afraid.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 34
Psalm 112
Philippians 2:1-18
Luke 12:1-12
1 John 4
Isaiah 43 & 44

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Name 3 things you fear.

1 John 4:1-6

How do you know who to listen to?

Do you fear your relationship with the world? Why?

How can your relationship with Jesus change your fear of the world?

1 John 4:7-16

Is there anyone in your life that you have loved "first"?

How does your love of others complete God's love?

1 John 4:16-21

Why/when would you fear love, punishment, or discipline?

How/why can God's love conquer those fears?

Is God's love one sided?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Thank God for becoming a man and experiencing our life.

Ask God to show you where you are not listening to Him.

Pray that you will love like Jesus loves.

Ask for an opportunity to show that love.

Tell God you trust Him.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ 1 JOHN 4:1-3

What is a test?

John says that a Christian believes that Jesus was both God and man.

Make up a physical test for each other.

Make up a "thinking" test to give each other.

Make up a spiritual test to give each other.

Did you pass the tests?

READ 1 JOHN 4:4-6

Who does a Christian listen to? How do we "listen" to God?

In the same room turn on music, the tv, and the radio.

Turn them WAY up and try to talk to each other.

How easy is it to listen to each other?

How easy is it to "listen" to God?

READ 1 JOHN 4:7-16

Why should we love one another?

John says that a Christian will love like Jesus.

Play "mirror".

Stand facing each other with one of you being "it".

Everyone should do what "it" does.

READ 1 JOHN 4:13-16

What are the three things that John has said about a Christian?

How do you listen to God's Spirit?

Who do you think Jesus is?

Do you love as God loves?

Do you pass the test? If not, do you want to?

READ 1 JOHN 4:17-21

What is the difference between love and fear?

What is the difference between discipline and punishment?

Do we need to fear our parents? God?

Tell each other something personal and pray about your relationship.

MEMORY VERSE:

But _____,
God's _____ is _____ in _____.
Whoever _____

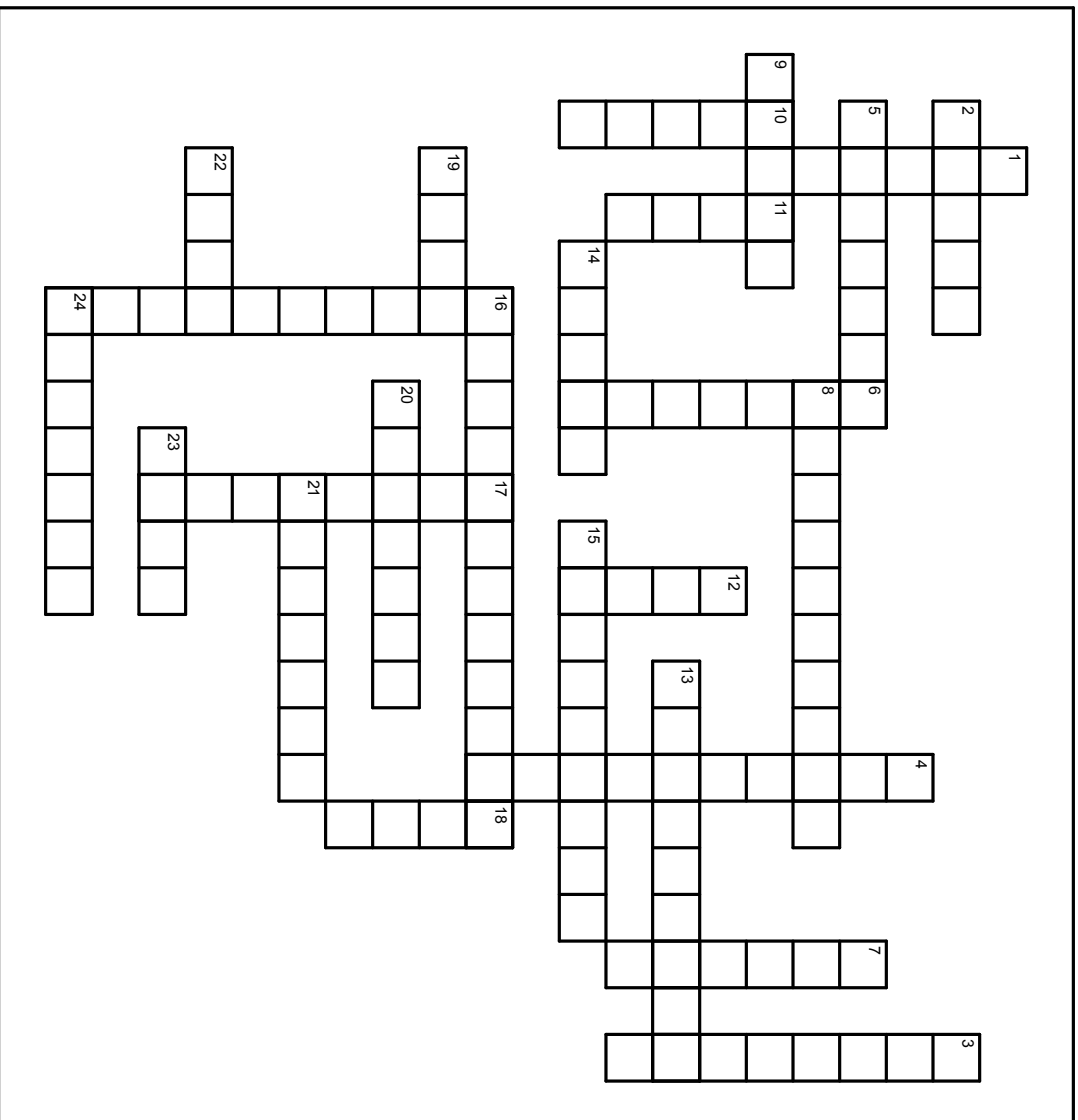
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1 John 2:5-6

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No Fear in Love

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



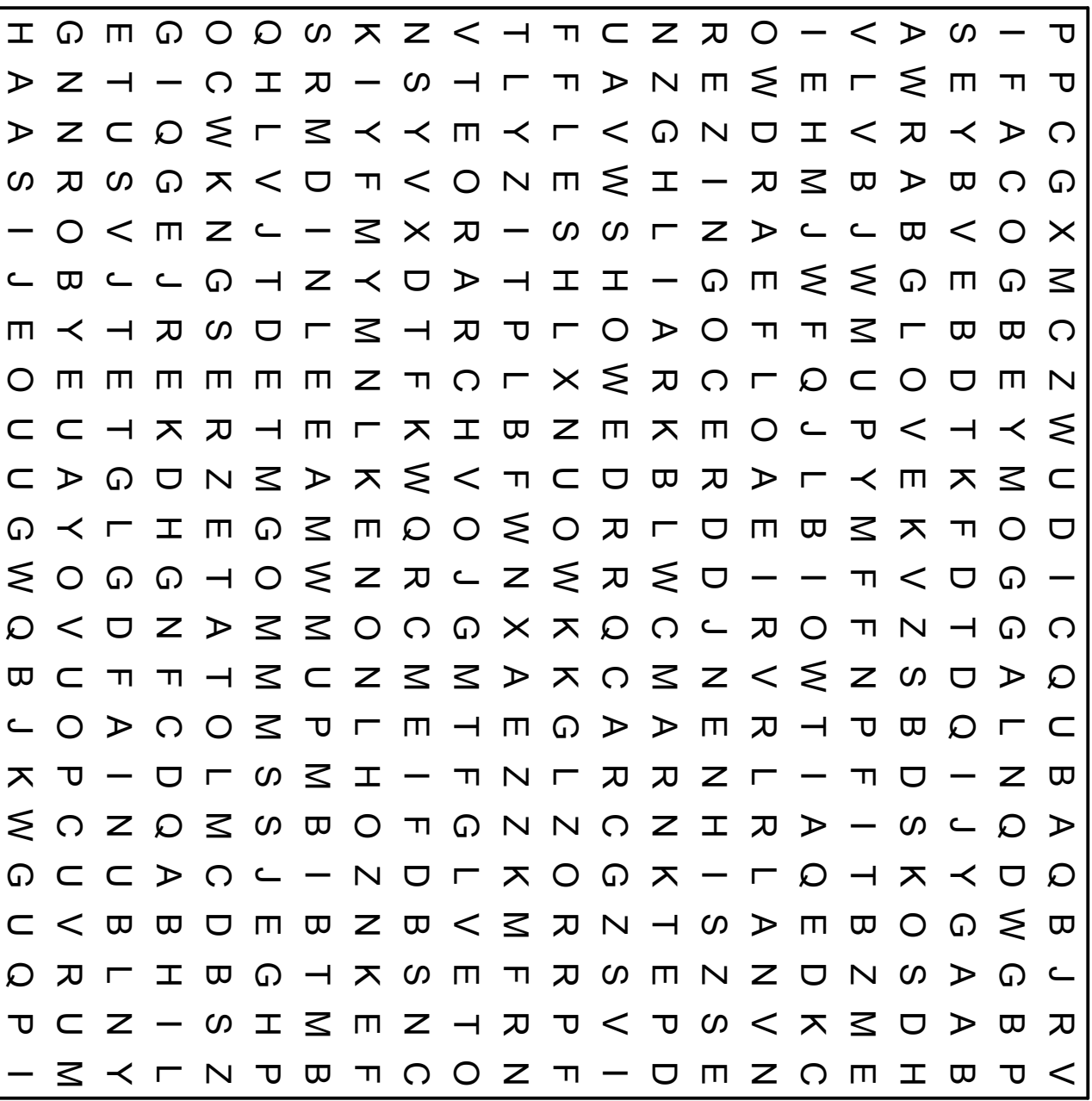
Across

2. not true (1 John 4:1)
5. hears and obeys (1 John 4:6)
8. pain inflicted because of a wrong doing (1 John 4:18)
9. a place that opposes God (1 John 4:5)
13. pronouncement of right or wrong (1 John 4:17)
14. physical body (1 John 4:2)
15. identify (1 John 4:2)
16. confesses as true (1 John 4:2)
19. created anew (1 John 4:7)
20. God is this (1 John 4:4)
21. order (1 John 4:21)
22. worry (1 John 4:18)
23. depend and trust (1 John 4:16)
24. witness (1 John 4:14)

Down

1. redeemer (1 John 4:14)
3. perfectly finished (1 John 4:12)
4. boldness (1 John 4:17)
6. we should test them (1 John 4:1)
7. displayed (1 John 4:9)
10. should (1 John 4:11)
11. someone who deceives (1 John 4:20)
12. a characteristic of God (1 John 4:8)
16. someone who is against God (1 John 4:3)
17. triumphed over (1 John 4:4)
18. the atoning sacrifice takes care of these (1 John 4:10)

No Fear in Love



spirits

false

recognize

acknowledges

flesh

antichrist

overcome

greater

world

listens

born

love

showed

sins

ought

complete

testify

savior

rely

confidence

judgement

fear

punishment

liar

command

No Fear in Love

1. TUSNMPHIEN -----
2. OELV -----
3. SAOVIR -----
4. FERA -----
5. NDOCMMMA -----
6. ENSLGCAOEWKD -----
7. INSLETS -----
8. DROWL -----
9. AIHISNTRCT -----
10. ALSFE -----
11. TFSTYIE -----
12. EEZINROGC -----
13. OEPLTMEC -----
14. UEMEGJTND -----
15. NISS -----
16. GOTHU -----
17. EHDSWO -----
18. LYRE -----
19. IRAL -----
20. FLSEH -----
21. VOCOERME -----
22. NDFCOCNEEI -----
23. RTSSPll -----
24. REEAGTR -----
25. RNBO -----