



**SPY
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WELCOME

Welcome to the *Spy Guide*.

Prayer changes things. Better still, prayer changes people.
As you pray, you will change to be more like Jesus.

Each minute you spend chatting to God is worth it.
God loves to talk with you and share with you.

This Spy Kit will help you spend time with our awesome God so
that you will grow closer to him. Now that's some mission.

CODED MESSAGE

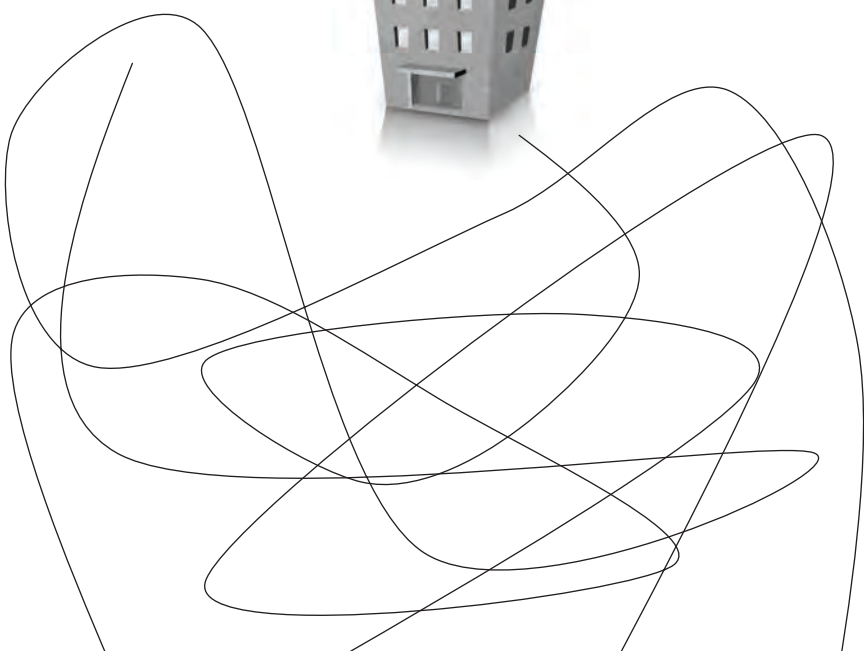
Cross out every C, D, M and X. Then write the other letters in order
on the lines below to find the secret message.

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XAXMSMXKDFCXORIMNXDXDPDRDAYECCRDDC
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----- (Mark 11:24)

FOLLOW THE TRAIL

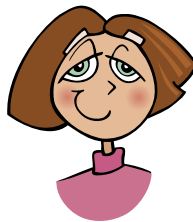
Which spy is going to the Spy H.Q.?



A



B



C



D

PRAYING THE SPY WAY

- 1 Choose a time to pray each day
- 2 Find a place to pray
- 3 Start by saying the *Spy Statement*
- 4 Say *Sorry*
- 5 Say *Thank you*
- 6 Pray for *Others*
- 7 Pray *Please* prayers for yourself
- 8 Read the Bible
- 9 Listen to God

You don't have to stick to this list every day. As you pray more and more you will find your own way of praying. What's important is that you talk with God every day and take time to thank and praise him. After all, God doesn't just want us to ask him for a list of things. He wants us to love him. He wants to be a friend who helps you, not a shopkeeper who just gives you what you ask for.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus taught them a model prayer. This shows us the kind of things we should say when we talk to God.

]The Lord's Prayer has got the whole **STOP** prayer mixed into it. See if you can spot where Jesus tells us to say sorry, give thanks and praise, pray for others and for ourselves in this prayer.

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

Now and for ever. Amen.

SPY STATEMENT

Dear God,

I come to you today as a spy for the children of this nation.

I know I can only do this because your Holy Spirit will help me pray. I know I can only get close to you because Jesus Christ died for me. Now all my sins are forgiven when I say sorry. I ask that you will come and use me now. I know that nothing is too hard for you and you can do more than I could ask or even imagine.

You are the only true God. Only you have all power. I love you God. Help me to pray knowing that you can and will answer me. I put on the full armour of God. This means that I am ready to stop all the bad things that satan is trying to do. The blood of Jesus gives me power to do this.

I know that Jesus is protecting me and keeping me safe. And I say I am ready to pray and am listening to what God says. As I praise God, satan must keep quiet because he knows that what I say is true. Jesus won the victory when he died and came alive again.

Thank you for the Bible which is all true. I know that as I speak God's words it will make things happen as God wants. So I can do all things through Jesus who gives me strength.

I can't wait until the day when Jesus will return and take me to heaven. I know that until that day all my prayers are heard by God in heaven. God will always be looking after me. He will never go to sleep. He will finish the good thing that he has started in me.

On that final day Jesus will show me to God the Father and I will have no sins because Jesus has taken them all away.

So I thank you God that you love me and care for me. Please use me now as I pray.

READING THE BIBLE

It's really important that you read the Bible as well as pray.

Begin in the New Testament with one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John). These four books tell us what Jesus did when he lived on earth.

Read through one passage of the Bible at a time.

As you read each passage think:

1. What does it tell me about God?
2. What is God saying to me today?
3. What does God want me to do today?

You can write down your answer in this *Spy Guide*.

That will help you to think about what you have read and you'll be able to check back the next day to see if you did what God wanted you to.



SPOT IT

Circle the word **PRAYER** and the word **BIBLE** in this grid.

A	I	P	R	A	Y	E	R	B	M	T	O
R	P	R	A	Y	E	R	B	I	B	L	E
P	R	A	Y	E	R	B	I	B	L	E	L
E	A	Y	D	T	B	I	B	L	E	B	B
E	H	E	E	P	B	I	B	E	B	I	I
L	L	R	P	R	A	Y	E	R	I	B	B
B	E	A	N	A	D	P	R	A	B	L	I
I	Y	E	V	Y	E	B	I	B	L	E	B
B	I	B	L	E	P	R	A	Y	E	R	L
R	Y	D	P	R	A	Y	E	R	A	Y	E

How many times do **PRAYER** and **BIBLE** appear in this grid?

PRAYER ___ times.

BIBLE ___ times.

Now look at all the letters that have *not* been circled.
Write them down in order to find the secret message.

_____.

LISTENING TO GOD

God speaks today.

He speaks in loads of different ways—we just need to make sure we are listening.

As you read the Bible ask yourself, “What is God saying to me?”

God can also speak to you directly by putting pictures and thoughts in your mind.

When you first start hearing God speak to you it can be hard to work out if it is God or your imagination.

Sometimes God may not say anything directly to you. That’s okay. If you keep listening, one day God will speak to you. The more you hear God speak to you, the more you will learn what God’s voice sounds like.

If you’re not sure ask an older Christian such as one of your parents or someone in church.

Remember this: God will never tell you to do something that is against the Bible. That’s why it’s so important you read the Bible every day if you are going to be a top spy.



HERE'S
ANOTHER SPIDEA.

ASK GOD TO SPEAK TO
YOU THEN CLOSE YOUR
EYES AND SEE WHAT POPS
INTO YOUR HEAD.

YOU MAY BE SURPRISED
BY WHAT YOU HEAR.

WORDS IN THE GRID

Each word below tells a way that God speaks to people. Put these words into the grid. Clue: Start with the word 'preaching'.

Words with 5 letters

Bible
Heart
Words

Words with 7 letters

Friends
Parents
Visions

Words with 8 letters

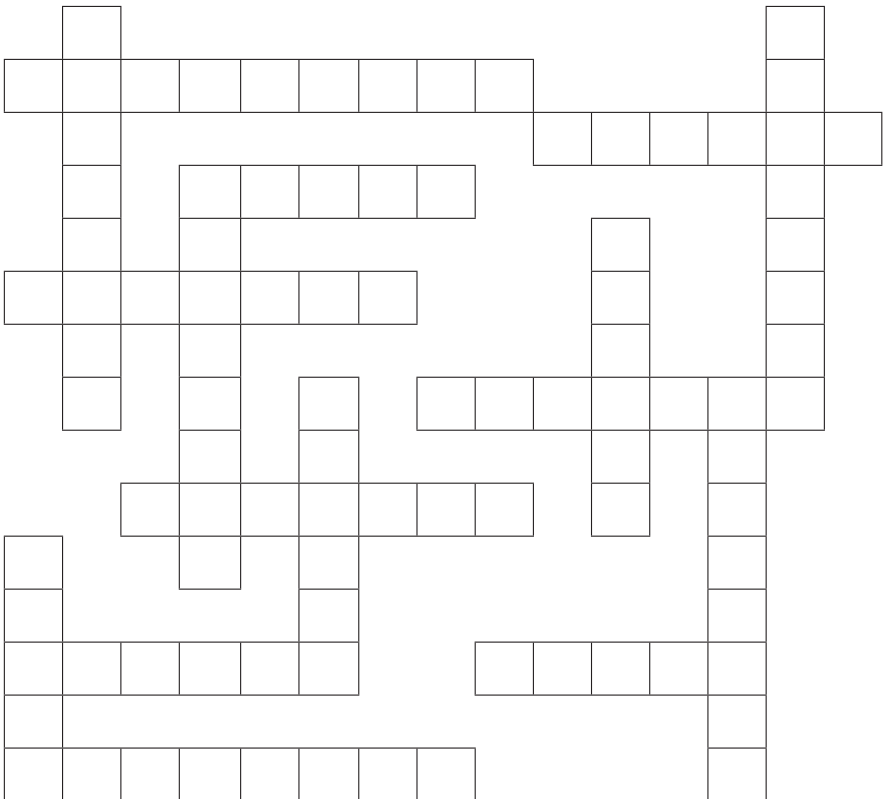
Creation
Pictures
Teachers
Thoughts
Whispers

Words with 6 letters

Angels
Church
Dreams

Words with 9 letters

Preaching



UNPACKING THE SPY STATEMENT

All the bits of the *Spy Statement* come from different parts of the Bible. As you say it out loud you are speaking God's words—now that's powerful.

We've written down some of the places where you can find parts of the *Spy Statement*. Look up each one in the Bible and tick it off when you have read it.

Dear God I come to you today as a spy (watchman or guard) for the children of this nation.

- Isaiah 62:6–7
- Psalm 127:1

I know I can only do this because your Holy Spirit will help me pray.

- Romans 8:26

I know I can only get close to you because Jesus Christ died for me.

- John 3:16
- Romans 8:16
- Galatians 3:26–29
- Ephesians 2:13

Now all my sins are forgiven when I say sorry.

- Psalm 51:7-12
- Psalm 103:12
- 1 John 1:9

I ask that you will come and use me now.

- Romans 12:1

I know that nothing is too hard for you...

- Luke 1:37
- Mark 10:27
- Mark 14:36

...and you can do more than I could ask or even imagine.

- Ephesians 3:20

You are the only true God.

- Jeremiah 10:10
- John 17:3

Only you have all power.

- Ephesians 1:18–23
- Revelation 19:1

I love you God.

- Matthew 6:24
- Matthew 22:37

Help me to pray knowing that you can and will answer me.

- Psalm 143:1
- Matthew 7:7-8
- Matthew 21:21–22
- James 5:16-18

I put on the full armour of God.

- Ephesians 6:11–13

This means that I am ready to stop all the bad things that satan is trying to do.

- Luke 10:19
- Romans 16:19–20
- Ephesians 6:11

The blood of Jesus gives me power to do this.

- Hebrews 10:19–23

Thank you for the Bible which is all true.

- 2 Timothy 3:16–17

I know that as I speak God's words it will make things happen as God wants.

- Isaiah 55:11
- Philippians 2:10–11
- 1 John 5:14

I know that Jesus is protecting me and keeping me safe.

- John 17:15
- 2 Thessalonians 3:2
- 1 Peter 1:5

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And I say I am ready to pray and am listening to what God says.

- Luke 8:21
- Romans 12:12
- Ephesians 6:18

As I praise God Satan must keep quiet because he knows that what I say is true.

- Psalm 8:2

Jesus won the victory when he died and came alive again.

- John 19:30
- Acts 4:9–12
- Colossians 1:15–22

So I can do all things through Jesus who gives me strength.

- Philippians 4:13

I can't wait until the day when Jesus will return and take me to heaven.

- Philippians 3:20
- Revelation 22:12–21

I know that until that day all my prayers are heard by God in heaven.

- Revelation 5:8
- Revelation 8:3–4

God will always be looking after me.

- John 10:11
- Jude 1:24

He will never go to sleep.

- Psalm 121:4

He will finish the good thing that he has started in me.

- Philippians 1:6

On that final day Jesus will show me to God the father and I will have no sins because Jesus has taken them all away.

- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Ephesians 5:27
- Revelation 19:–8

So I thank you God that you love me and care for me.

- Psalm 103:8–18
- Matthew 10:29–31
- John 3:16

Please use me now as I pray.

- Matthew 6:6
- Luke 5:16
- Luke 18:1–8
- Acts 6:4
- Romans 12:12
- Ephesians 6:18
- Colossians 4:2
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE CHALLENGE

This is really tricky!

Can you use your spy skills and find these books of the Bible in the passage on the opposite page?

Some of them have been hidden really well!

The first one, Amos, is already underlined to show you how it works. The books are listed below in the order they appear.

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|------------|-----------------|
| 1 Amos | 16 Genesis |
| 2 Mark | 17 Philemon |
| 3 Luke | 18 Chronicles |
| 4 John | 19 Daniel |
| 5 Joel | 20 Nahum |
| 6 Judges | 21 Hosea |
| 7 Job | 22 Lamentations |
| 8 Hebrews | 23 Revelation |
| 9 Esther | 24 Timothy |
| 10 Acts | 25 Samuel |
| 11 James | 26 Numbers |
| 12 Ruth | 27 Malachi |
| 13 Romans | 28 Peter |
| 14 Titus | 29 Exodus |
| 15 Matthew | 30 Kings |

This is **a most** remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, *The Chronicle*, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

MY PERSONAL SPY UPDATE

Date	I am praying for...	How God answered

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Date	Things God told me	What I did about it

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WHAT NEXT?

If you've been praying for as many minutes a day as you are years old for a few months then you have been doing really well. But it does not stop there. You will probably have felt some times when God was really close to you as you prayed – some people call this being “in God's presence”. At other times it may have felt like you were talking to yourself.

Why not make it your aim every day to talk to God and praise him until you are “in his presence.” Of course God is always present, but there are times when God let us know that he is really close. Every day we should try to meet God in that way. When Moses got close to God his face shone brightly (Exodus 34:35). Something special happens when we get close to God (Psalm 16:11).

If you do this you will find that some days you will have to pray for more than a few minutes.

Sometimes in God's presence you may find yourself just worshipping him.

Other times God may tell you to pray for a person.

Other times you may just sit quietly and enjoy hanging out with God.

There are no set steps for this – God just wants you to be close to him. When we spend time with him it changes us.

Of course God comes with us wherever we go. He wants to talk with us all through the day. So, as well as spending a set time with God each day on your own, don't forget you can talk to him during the day as well.

Page 16—Books of the Bible challenge

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Page 4—Coded message

Everything you ask for in prayer will be yours if you only have faith.

Page 5 —Follow the trail

Spy B is heading for the HQ.

Page 9—Spot it

Bible—8 times.

Prayer—11 times.

Secret message: Aim to read the Bible and pray every day

Page 9 – Words in the grid

