



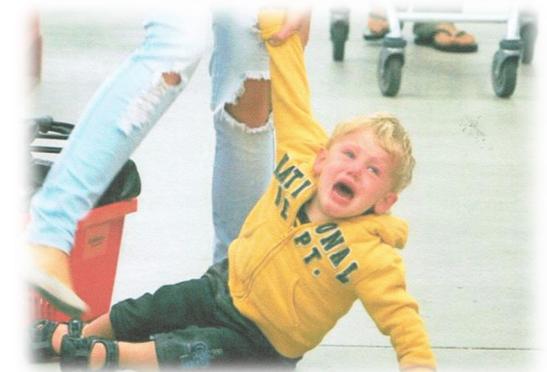
# Connected

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## Remember this next time you go shopping at the supermarket

So it is said that having a good hearty laugh regularly can prolong your life and reduce your stress levels considerably, it can make you smarter and happier too! To bring a little happiness to your day here is a story that I landed upon ....

When you go into a supermarket, sometimes that one single impatient child, who is either shouting, screaming or generally being awkward and perhaps this is a topic a lot of us parents can relate to. In this story picture a grandfather, he has discovered a special method of dealing with

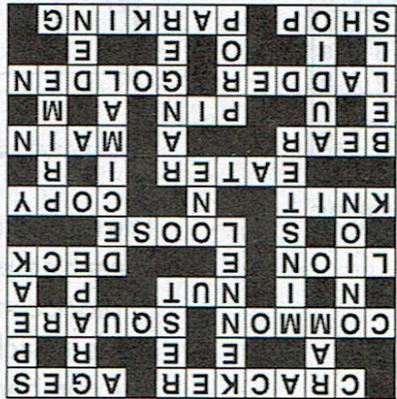


his 3 year old grandchild and reading this story, and what he did made me laugh, really laugh my socks off! Hilarious!

As the badly behaved youngster, 3 years young, is walking with his grandfather through the supermarket, a woman is following them. It's blatant to her that he has his work cut out with the child, screaming for treats and goodies, biscuits, sweets, fruit, cereal, sugary fizzy drink, you name it! Whilst this is going on grandad is making his way through the supermarket and in a steady voice saying: "Easy, William, we won't be long, Easy, boy." After much more aggro from the boy, grandfather says: "It's okay William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

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### MISSING LINKS

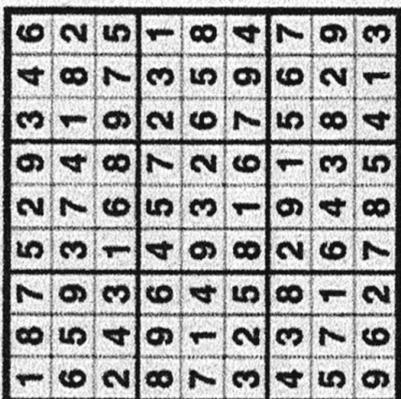


### CROSSWORD

**ACROSS:** 1 Uplift, 4 Ultimo, 8 Spurn, 9 Summary, 10 Niggard, 11 Emote, 12 Sacristan, 17 Peron, 19 Sublime, 21 Seclude, 22 As one, 23 Supper, 24 Esteem.

**DOWN:** 1 Unsung, 2 Lounges, 3 Fonda, 5 Lambent, 6 Imago, 7 Oxygen, 9 Side issue, 13 Censure, 14 Noisome, 15 Opuses, 16 Redeem, 18 Recap, 20 Brass

### KILLER SUDOKU



### Road Sign Quiz

1. Turn left ahead
2. No left turn
3. No motor vehicles
4. Left turn
5. No overtaking
6. Two way traffic
7. Road works
8. Turn right ahead
9. No right turn
10. Crossroads ahead
11. Hump
12. Roundabout
13. Give way
14. Maximum speed
15. No cycling
16. Parking ahead
17. One way traffic
18. Falling rocks
19. Wild animals
20. Merge ahead
21. Stop & Give Way
22. No parking
23. Right turn
24. Slippery road

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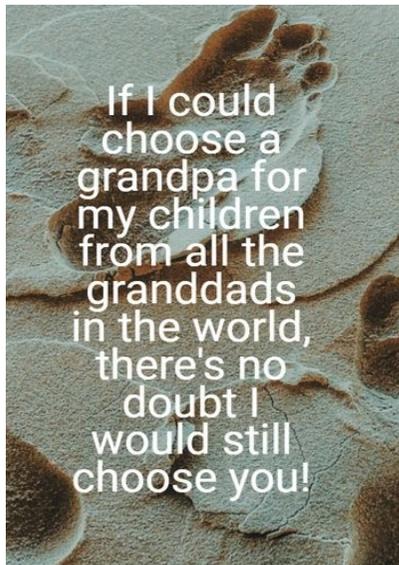
*Stuart*

At last at the checkout, the little boy in his final struggles for attention, throws things out of the shopping cart, again grandad says, calmly: "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five short minutes; stay cool, William." Greatly impressed by this the woman catches the grandfather at the car while loading the shopping and says: "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa." Thanks," said the grandfather, "but I'm William. The little monster's name is Kevin."

**Quotes to Remember**

*"Children are a great comfort to us in our old age, and they help us reach it faster too."*

*"Age does not diminish the extreme disappointment of having a scoop of ice cream fall from the cone."*



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**An Obituary printed in the London Times**

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, **Common Sense**, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as

1. Knowing when to come in out of the rain.
2. Life isn't always fair.
3. Why the early bird gets the worm.
4. And maybe it was my fault.

**Common Sense** lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but over-bearing regulations were set in place. When report of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; and teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

**Common Sense** lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

**Common Sense** lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

**Common Sense** took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

**Common Sense** finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

**Common Sense** was preceded in death,

1. By his parents, Truth and Trust.
2. By his wife, Discretion,
3. By his daughter, Responsibility and
4. By his son, Reason.

He is survived by his five stepbrothers;

1. I know My Rights.
2. I want It Now.
3. Someone Else Is To Blame
4. I'm a Victim and
5. Pay me for Doing Nothing

None attended his funeral because no one realized he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on.....

## Unaccustomed as I Am . . . (cont'd)



However, on the day, he spoke from the heart, expressing what everyone in the room felt about the happy couple. The murmur of approval encouraged him to look up and gratefully smile as his sincerity shone through.

Peter the apostle was also unaccustomed to public speaking. He did not know how he would be received. Yet at Pentecost he spoke from a full heart and stirred thousands of listeners to action. Starting from where his audience were, he made a logical progression, incorporating the accepted truth of an Old Testament prophet, giving an explanation of what had happened recently, and passionately stating:

*All the people of Israel, then, are to know for sure that this Jesus, whom you crucified, is the one that God has made Lord and Messiah!*  
(Acts 2:36)

He called for action, urging them to repent, believe and be saved - and 3,000 of them did just that!

Some of us are unaccustomed to speaking in public, and the thought of declaring our faith terrifies us. We recognise that often deeds speak louder than words, yet we may have a niggling feeling that we should be more open about our faith. Perhaps the first step towards speaking to a large group may be to talk to a friend about the way faith has impacted our lives? Each attempt will make us more accustomed to speaking. **However faltering, sincerity will always shine through.**



Husband and I went grocery shopping with mask, got home, took off mask, brought home wrong husband!  
**STAY ALERT PEOPLE!**

A man who has trained his dog to play the trumpet on the London Underground said he went from Barking to Tooting in just over an hour.



**BREAKING NEWS**



...and that is WHY the chicken crossed the road.

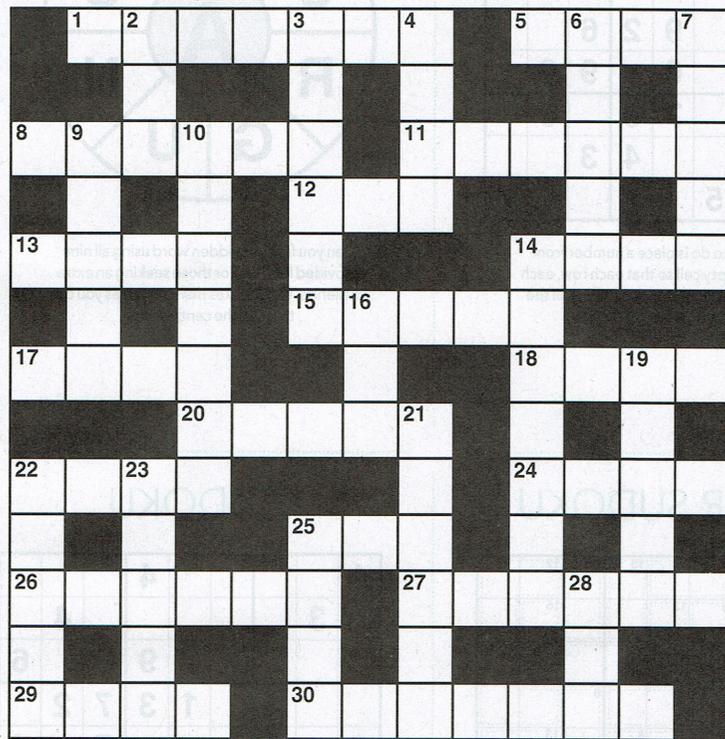


So today, in church, a guy in a dress tried to drown me



And, I kid you not, my family just stood there taking pictures!

# MISSING LINKS



ACROSS

HOW TO PLAY

DOWN

- 1 Christmas • Cream • Fire (7)
- 5 Ago • Dark • Middle (4)
- 8 Cold • Law • Wealth (6)
- 11 Albert • Leicester • Red (6)
- 12 Hatch • Monkey • Shell (3)
- 13 Cub • Heart • Sea (4)
- 14 Chair • Flight • Quarter (4)
- 15 Change • Foot • Leaf (5)
- 17 Close • Tight • Wear (4)
- 18 Advanced • Carbon • Right (4)
- 20 Ant • Fire • Man (5)
- 22 Brown • Bug • Great (4)
- 24 Land • Stay • Stream (4)
- 25 Ball • Cushion • Stripe (3)
- 26 Property • Rope • Step (6)
- 27 Delicious • Eagle • Opportunity (6)
- 29 Barber • Floor • Window (4)
- 30 Bay • Lot • Meter (7)

**The answer to each clue is a word which has a link with each of the three words listed. This word may come at the end.**

(eg HEAD linked with EACH, HEAD, HAMMER).

**At the beginning Or a mixture of the two**  
(eg STONE linked with HAIL, LIME, WALL)

- 2 Home • Rod • Shackle (3)
- 3 Club • Dog • Maid (6)
- 4 Arm • Back • Room (4)
- 6 Fruit • Shot • Vine (5)
- 7 Double • Easy • Up (5)
- 9 Red • Rings • Spanish (5)
- 10 Beverley • West • York (7)
- 14 Currency • Place • Point (7)
- 16 Liner • Off • Way (3)
- 19 Minister • Number • Suspect (5)
- 21 Bush • Forest • Lone (6)
- 22 Alarm • Bow • Dumb (5)
- 23 Tape • Typist • Visual (5)
- 25 Clothes • Forward • Up (4)
- 28 Dirty • Dragons' • Gambling (3)

# Unaccustomed as I Am . . .



I have had the privilege of being "Best Man" twice. First for my brother at his wedding and then for a close friend at his wedding. I had sleepless nights prior to both these weddings. I share with you now the comments made regarding this.

He had been worried from the time that he had been invited to be best man. He had asked a friend to give him some tips: 'Energy, that's what you need!' his friend had replied enthusiastically before changing the subject. Not much help there! A book about the responsibilities of a best man had left him feeling even more inadequate, telling him that three sets of double alliterations will make a speech memorable. He tried to think of suitable words, but was unsuccessful. The section on presentation confused him with instructions on pitch and diction, pace and pauses, sequence and repetition. 'Repetition!' he thought. 'Once is enough, I don't want to do this again.'

There had been a chapter of extremely lame jokes and he cringed as he remembered the mildly embarrassed laughter at a reception when a 'funny' story went down like a lead balloon. 'Remember to lift your head and lift our hearts,' the bride's father had entreated. But he felt that if he took his eyes off his notes for an instant, he would lose his train of thought.

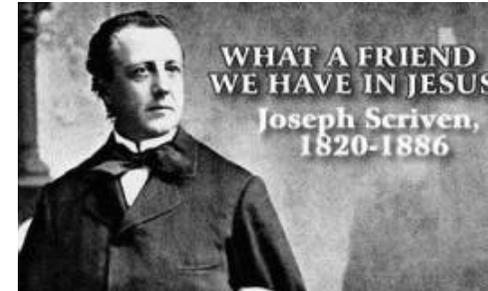
# KILLER SUDOKO

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The normal rules of Sudoku apply. Place a digit from 1-9 in each empty square so that each row, column and 3x3 block contains all the digits from 1-9. In addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dots) must add up to the number in the top corner of that box. No digit can be repeated within an inner shape.

## What a Friend

These past few months with the Covid-19 Pandemic one of the difficult experiences has been the inability to meet with friends. Those special friends whose company we enjoy. I want to share a song today that has a remarkable story of faith and resilience. Each of our lives has a unique beginning. My story started



differently than yours, and yours began differently than everyone else's. But regardless of how our stories began, each of us lives out the story of our life every day. Do you remember Eamonn Andrews and his red book? If you're like me, you don't stop

very often to think about "The Story of My Life."

It was Matt Munro who sang that song with the opening line:

*"Someday I'm going to write the story of my life"*

We're too busy living it, aren't we?

But recognising the pattern of events in your life, the ebbs and flows of your story, can make a huge difference, both in your future and in how your story ultimately ends.

God still works in and through our stories and losses to fulfil His purposes. What we think is boring about our stories can be the thing people relate to and the thing Jesus uses to draw them to Himself.

The story of the hymn 'What A Friend We Have In Jesus' is a remarkable story. In 1844 a young Irishman, Joseph Scriven, had completed his college education and returned home to marry his sweetheart. As he was travelling to meet her on the day before the planned wedding, he came upon a horrible scene, his beautiful fiancée tragically lying dead under the water in a creek bed after falling off her horse.

# What a Friend...cont'd

Later, Joseph moved to Canada and eventually fell in love again, only to experience devastation once more when she became ill and died just weeks before their marriage. For the second time, this humble Christian felt the loss of the woman he loved. The following year, he wrote a poem to his mother in Ireland that told of the deep friendship with Jesus he had cultivated in prayer through the hardships of his life. The poem was published anonymously at first under the title, "Pray Without Ceasing.". In 1868, Charles Converse set the text to a tune and renamed it "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Because of the difficult experiences he had faced, Joseph could write with conviction:

*"What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!"*

**He knew that God could bring peace to troubled hearts of those who seek Him:**

*"O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."*

So, what's your story? Do you like where you've been, where you are, and where you're going? No matter how desperate, uncertain, afraid, or stuck you may feel right now, your story isn't over.

Instead of becoming discouraged when we face trials, or troubles, join with Joseph Scriven who knew the answer.

*We should simply "take it to the Lord in prayer."*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

# Road Sign Quiz

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## Show and Tell at School - Cont'd

laugh and wishing I had a video camera rolling. The other children are watching her in amazement as Erica continues. "Then, about three Saturdays ago, my mother starts going, "Oh, oh, oh!" Erica puts a hand behind her back and groans as she continues. "She walked around the house for, like an hour, "Oh, oh, oh!"

Now Erica is doing this hysterical duck-walk, holding her back and groaning. "My father called the middle wife. She delivers babies, but she doesn't have sign on the car like the Domino Pizza man.

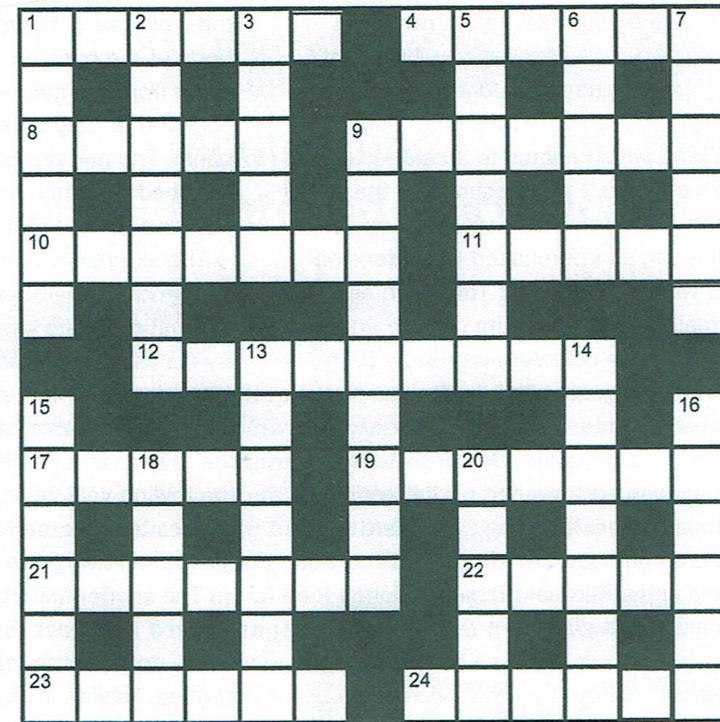
They got my mother to lay down in bed like this." Erica lies down with her back against the wall. "And then, pop! My mother had this bag of water she kept in there in case he got thirsty, and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed, like psshheew!" Erica has her legs spread and with her little hands is miming water flowing away. It was too much! "Then the middle wife starts going push, push, breathe, breathe. They start counting, but they never even got past 10. Then, all of a sudden, out comes my brother Luke. He was covered in yucky stuff they said was from the play-centre, so there must be a lot of stuff inside there."

Then Erica stood up, took a big theatrical bow and returned to her seat. I'm sure I applauded the loudest. Ever since then, if it's show-and-tell day, I bring my camcorder—just in case another Erica comes along.

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wants us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you and Mom."

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Dear, would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say:" the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say:" the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite these people to dinner?"

CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 Boost (6)
- 4 Last month (6)
- 8 Cold-shoulder (5)
- 9 Perfunctory (7)
- 10 Grading? (Anag) (7)
- 11 Express feelings (5)
- 12 Sexton (9)
- 17 Argentinian dictator, 1946-55 (5)
- 19 Transcendent (7)
- 21 Hide away (7)
- 22 United (2,3)
- 23 Evening meal (6)
- 24 Regard highly (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Not given due recognition (6)
- 2 Spreads out (7)
- 3 American family of film actors (5)
- 5 Glowing with a soft radiance (7)
- 6 Post-pupa stage of an insect (5)
- 7 Most abundant element in the earth's crust (6)
- 9 Ancillary consideration (4,5)
- 13 Read (someone) the riot act (7)
- 14 Foul (7)
- 15 Musical works (6)
- 16 Make good (6)
- 18 Run through again (Inf) (5)
- 20 Family of wind instruments (5)

## LOST AND FOUND

Before beginning a hunt, it is wise to ask someone what you are looking for before you begin looking for it (Winnie the Pooh from Pooh's Little Instruction Book)

*When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. Luke 2:45-47*

I was delighted to sail straight into a parking space at Sainsbury's the other day. It's a vast place and I frequently have to drive up and down the rows several times before I can find a space. At 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday morning though, there were plenty of spaces. This is the best time to shop, I thought smugly, as I strolled up and down the aisles.

An hour later, I emerged with my laden trolley to find a rather different scenario. The car park was now overflowing, with scarcely a space to be seen. When I parked the car it had been surrounded by empty spaces and easy to spot. Now it was a whole different picture. I pushed my trolley up one row and down another. Where had I parked the car? I took another look. It must be here somewhere. I had an appointment to go to, I really needed my trusty dark grey Ford. Had someone stolen it? And how would I know if they had, since I couldn't remember where I'd left it?

I took a deep breath and went back to the beginning of the rows of cars to start again, walking slowly and looking carefully. I couldn't help feeling stupid, and I was getting very hot under the collar. Eventually, I found my car, quietly sitting there, minding its own business, just waiting to be found. Phew! Panic over!

I'm think I might buy a bright blue ball with dangling ribbons to attach to my aerial, then I'll be able to spot my car from a distance. No more manic-car-park searching for me!

Driving home, the story about Mary and Joseph losing Jesus came to mind. After three days of increasingly frantic searching, they returned to the Temple and found him quietly sifting there, talking to the teachers, waiting to be found, though he would not have considered himself lost.

Today, it's even easier, and completely stress-free - whenever we need Jesus he is there, he wants us to find him and he's quietly waiting for us to turn to him. So, next time you're having a stressful moment, talk to Jesus about it - he's always ready to listen.

*Lord, help me to remember that you are only a prayer away,  
I just need to open my mouth and you are already listening.  
Help me to feel your presence in my life.*

## Show and Tell at School

I've been teaching now for about fifteen years.

I have two children myself, but the best birth story I know is the one I saw in my own classroom a few years back.

Usually, show-and-tell is pretty tame. The children bring in their pets mice or hamsters, model airplanes, pictures of fish they catch, stuff like that. And I never, ever place any boundaries or limitations on them. If they want to lug it to school and talk about it, they're welcome.

Well, one day this little girl, Erica, a very bright, very outgoing child, takes her turn and waddles up to the front of the class with a pillow stuffed under her sweater. She holds up a snapshot of an infant.

'This is Luke, my baby brother, and I'm going to tell you about his

birth day. First, Mommy and Daddy made him as a symbol of their love, and then Daddy put a seed in my mother's stomach, and Luke grew in there.

Luke ate for 9 months through an umbrella cord," Erica said. She's standing there with her hands on the pillow, and I'm trying not to

