

God's Game Plan

Bible Adventures
LESSON 9

Sometimes a Christian's faith can get flabby and out of shape. Solve this puzzle to discover God's game plan for a fit faith.

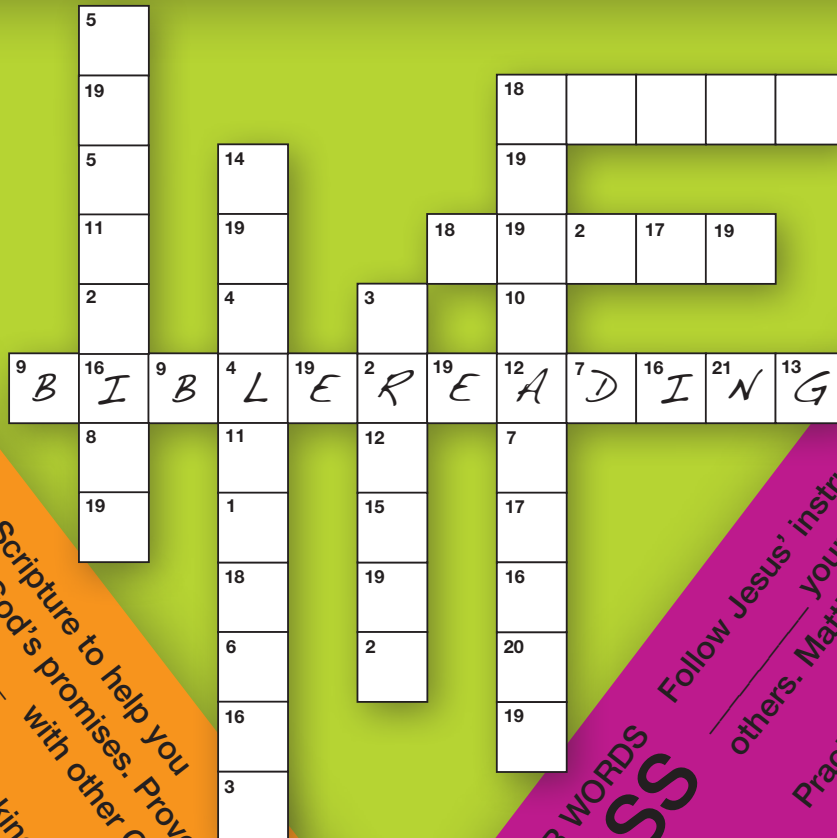
This is a crossword puzzle with a twist—you have to figure out which letters go in the numbered squares. To get you started, the first word has been filled in. From the words *Bible reading*, you know that every number 9 in the puzzle is the letter B, every number 16 is the letter I, every number 4 is the letter L, and so on. Fill in the letters you know, and then use the Scripture clues to figure out the other letters and words. As you learn more letters, put them in the coach's clues.

CLUES FOR WORDS
DOWN

Scripture to help you remember God's promises. Proverbs 7:2-3
Have _____, asking God to help you grow in your faith.
1 John 1:7
Spend time in _____ from mature Christians who will help you to grow strong. Proverbs 19:20

CLUES FOR WORDS
ACROSS

Follow Jesus' instructions and _____ your faith in Him with others. Matthew 28:19-20
Practice loving others and _____ them unselfishly. Ephesians 6:7



COACH'S
CLUES

1	R	3	L	5	6	D	8	B	10	11
A	G			I			E		N	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	

GROWING IN THE FAITH



¹These women were Jewish, but Timothy's father wasn't. Eunice and Lois taught Timothy the Old Testament.

Even as a boy, Timothy learned the Scriptures. He was taught by his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois.¹ Later Eunice learned about Jesus from Paul. When Paul came to Lystra on his second journey around Asia Minor,² he asked Timothy to travel with him and Silas from town to town as missionaries.

This was not always an easy trip for young Timothy.



**Acts 17:13-15;
1 Timothy 4:12, 15**

But when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, some of them went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up.

How did some local Jews react to Paul's preaching? Why do you think they did this?

The believers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea. Those who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible.

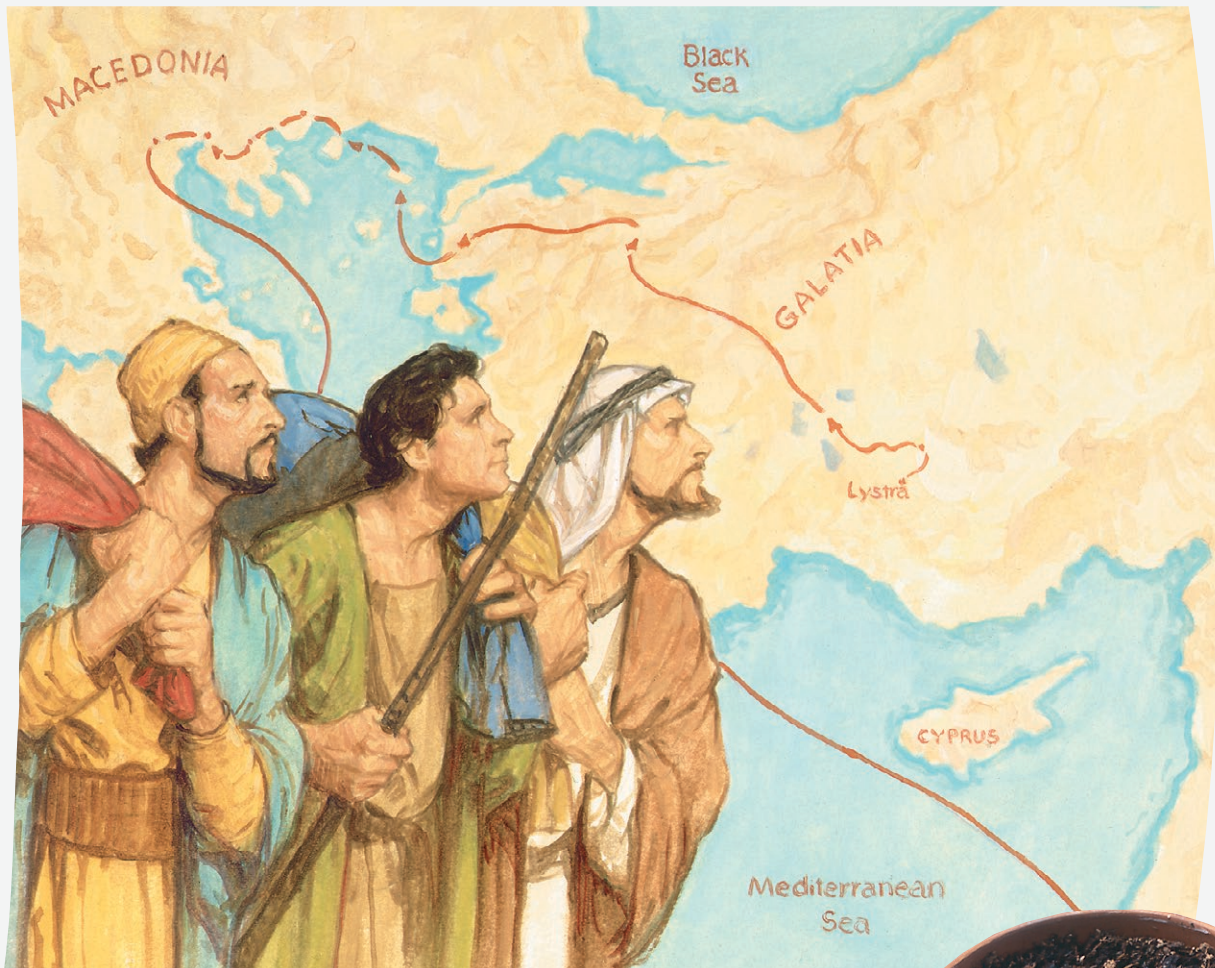


²In New Testament times this was a Roman province; now it's the country of Turkey.

Why do you think Paul had to leave? How might Silas and Timothy have felt? Why might the trip be hard for a young Christian? Read 2 Timothy 1:7. How could this Bible verse help Timothy?

Paul loved Timothy and taught him many things. Paul especially taught him about the Bible and the Savior, Jesus. Paul and Timothy visited the church in Ephesus.³ After Paul left, Timothy stayed behind and worked in the church in Ephesus.

³Paul stayed in Ephesus (Ephesus) three years and began a church there to



Following Paul's instructions helped Timothy grow stronger in his faith.

Read Paul's words in 2 Timothy 3:14-17. How did Paul encourage Timothy to grow in his faith? What could equip him to grow?

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. . . . Be diligent in these

*matters;
give yourself
wholly to them,
so that everyone
may see your
progress.*

**What was Paul telling Timothy?
How can you set an example for others?**




Faith

Fitness plan

Follow this five-week workout schedule to exercise your faith. Each week write a goal for one of the categories. For example, a goal might be to read one chapter of the Bible each day, or pray for ten minutes each day. Make your goals specific and realistic. Also, keep practicing the habits from the weeks before. As you check off the workout schedule, ask God to help you grow strong in your faith.

Cut out the schedule and fold along the broken lines, beginning with Fold 1. Carry your schedule with you to keep track of your progress.

<div>  <p>KEY VERSE: But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18</p> </div>							<div> <p>5 week</p> <p>FOLD 3</p> </div>							<div> <p>4 week</p> <p>FOLD 2</p> </div>						
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