Slime pops up in New York.

Are you going to New York City before May?

Visit the Sloomoo Institute. It is filled with slime fun!

Touch bowls of slime. Try a barefoot walk on a slime pond. See the glow-in-the-dark slime cove. Make your own slime.

Even Mom would like it. The mess is not in her kitchen!

The Sloomoo Institute is a museum about the size of one and a half NBA basketball courts. It opened in October and should be open for about six months. You can put on goggles and a poncho and get slimed. Make your own slime and add banana cream pie or Froot Loops scents. One sign of peace in God’s city is found in Zechariah 8:5. “And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.”
Can they save lions in Africa?

Lions rest under a tree.

The Pokini family planted an avocado seed. It grew into a tall tree. The tree was healthy and strong. Matthew 7:17 says, “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.” The tree had big berries called avocados. Did you know avocados aren’t veggies? They are a kind of fruit. One avocado on the tree was huge! It was the biggest avocado the family had ever seen. It weighed over five pounds! They entered it in the Guinness World Records avocado contest. They won! What did the Pokini family do with their award-winning avocado? They ate it. Pokini family do with their winning avocado? They ate it.

The fruit grew on a tall tree in Hawaii. It was round and green. It looked like a dinosaur egg. It was as big as a child’s head. It was heavier than a puppy. What was it? It was the biggest avocado in the world!

This fruit won a prize.

Lo’ihi Pokini with the big avocado

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Meridyth Sealey weighs the avocado with Lo’ihi Pokini and his father Mark Pokini.

Now there are not as many lions. Can people and lions share the same land?

Fifty young men track lions. They warn herders. They build strong fences. They teach people how to live with lions.

Saitoti Petro is a lion tracker. There were only 120 lions left eight years ago in the part of Tanzania where he patrols. Now there are over 160. Most lions live in a large wildlife park. There is no way to fence them in. So people learn how to build strong fences around their villages. No cows have been killed in Mr. Petro’s village since the fence was built.

David tells King Saul in 1 Samuel 17:37, “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion” will deliver me from the hand of Goliath.
Follow the letter down and the number across. That’s how you use map rows and columns to find things. An example is shown. Write the letters and numbers for each picture.

- **A 1**
- **B 2**
- **C 3**
- **D 4**
- **E 5**

### Pictures
- **Whale Tail**
- **Bobbing Light**
- **Rotten Rowboat**
- **Beach Bum**
- **Sneaky Shark**
- **Flying Fish**
- **Sea Monster**
- **Myrtle Turtle**
- **Sunken Ship**
- **Sand Castle**
- **Floating Pirate**
- **Message-in-a-Bottle**
Saving seeds is good work.

Ponderosa pine trees grow in New Mexico. People gathered pine cones last fall. Others dried the cones. They cleaned and sorted the seeds. They froze some. They planted seedlings.

Wildfires burn many of these pines. People save the seeds. They will plant new trees.

Steven Sandoval collects a pine cone.

God gives us trees, trees, and more trees. Isaiah 41:19-20 tells us that God “sets in the desert the pine,” that His people “may see and know that the hand of the Lord has done this.” Ponderosa pine forests often burn down during wildfires. But pine cones are created to make lots of seeds every ten years or so. Teams of people worked in the Jemez Mountains of New Mexico. They gathered as many pine cones as they could before the snow fell. They want one million seeds to save for the future.
Schools save scraps for swine.

Munch, munch, school kids eat lunch! But lots of food is thrown away. That is a waste.

Pigs help schools. They eat leftover food.

Schools help pigs. They save scraps for swine.

Schools have a problem. Lots of food goes into the garbage. New rules in Maine let schools save scraps for swine. Hog farmers come around to pick up extra or spoiled food. The schools are doing what people have done for hundreds of years—feed food scraps to hogs. Luke 15 tells the story of the hungry Prodigal Son. Verse 16 says, “And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.”
The VR company is called “Viva Vita.” It means “Live Life.” Many residents of the Powhatan Nursing Home in Falls Church, Virginia, once traveled the world. Now they cannot do that. Virtual reality is not a new idea. The stereoscope was invented over 180 years ago. Your grandparents looked at Viewmaster slides when they were kids. Both made 3-D pictures. King David says in Psalm 27:4 that he wants one thing: “To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.”

Have you ever looked into a VR head-set? Everything looks so real!

People in nursing homes cannot take trips. So “Live Life” brings VR sets to them.

The elderly don’t leave their chairs. But they visit new places. That brings them joy.
Each symbol stands for an activity in the campground. Draw a line from a symbol to a matching place in the scene. Write the symbol’s number in the circle in that area.

1. Tent: camping
2. Hook: fishing
3. Gun: hunting
4. Noodle: swimming
5. Picnic table: picnic area
6. Bike: bike trail
7. Castle: playground
8. Restrooms
9. Train: train
The West Coast has been invaded by round, squishy sea urchins. The prickly globes add pops of color to the ocean floor. But they gobble up forests of kelp (seaweed). Some people think sea urchins taste delicious. There are plenty to sell as seafood. Can people eat their way out of this purple problem? Psalm 104:25 says, “Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.”

Oh no! The ocean floor is changing colors. It has a carpet of round purple critters. They creep on the sand. They eat up kelp. Seaweed is gone. The sea floor is empty. Purple sea urchins have taken over.

Psalm 104:25 says, “Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.”
FLOODS WRECKED THESE TRAINS.

Workers in Japan ride bullet trains to the cities. The trains are smooth, quiet, and fast.

A typhoon (hurricane) hit Japan last fall. It flooded ten parked bullet trains. Each train had 12 cars. All must be thrown away. They are not safe.

The Japanese word for “bullet train” is Shinkansen [SHIN-kun-zn]. There are large magnets on the train and in the tracks. The train starts to move. It lifts above the tracks. A bullet train can go 375 miles per hour. It will be costly to replace all the flooded trains. But that is the way to protect passengers. We have the best protection of all. Psalm 121:8 says, “The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.”

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What does the Comfort do?

What do you think most Navy ships do? This one carries doctors and nurses. It sails to places where poor people need help.


The USNS Comfort sailed to Haiti. Doctors helped hundreds of people. All that help is free.

The U.S. Navy has two floating hospitals. Haiti was the last stop for the Comfort. The ship and its crew (900 people in all) had been helping people in Central and South America and the Caribbean for five months. Many of the countries where the ship stopped do not have enough doctors or hospitals to care for their people. The Comfort crew is a picture of how the “God of all comfort” helps us. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5.
Trace each gray letter of the alphabet when you find it in the train. Some letters are turned sideways or upside down.
Fossils look like rocks.

Fossils once held parts of a dead plant or animal in them.

Scientists thought there were no fossils at Corral Bluffs. They were wrong!

They dug up hundreds! What had happened to these plants and animals?

This is Corral Bluffs, where the fossils were found.

Tyler Lyson, Ian Miller, and some volunteers were looking for fossils at Corral Bluffs, outside of Colorado Springs, Colorado, three years ago. They weren’t expecting to find much. Surprise! The fossils now are at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Many scientists believe that something happened to kill all life in part of the world, long, long ago. The Bible says in Genesis 6 that people were wicked. God sent a flood upon the Earth when Noah lived.
Don’t throw Legos away!

You will grow up. What will your mom do with your Legos?
She can recycle them. Print a label. Send the bricks to a Lego workshop. It is free!
Lego cleans the pieces. They box them. Then they give the sets to clubs for kids.

Plastic can break down into tiny pieces. Birds and other animals might eat those harmful bits. So Lego wants to keep its plastic bricks out of the trash. U.S. customers now may recycle their used bricks. The Lego company also works to find less harmful materials to make its pieces. It makes the plastic for trees and bushes from sugar cane! 

Genesis 2:15 reminds us that God wants us to work and keep the Earth He created.

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He has a two-wheeled ambulance!

Where do you go when you are very sick? Some people in Congo are afraid of doctors and clinics.

Germain K. was once very ill. Doctors helped. He got better.

Mr. K. wants other sick people to get well too. He says, “I was well cared for.” They feel safe with him. He takes them to the clinic on his motorcycle!

Germain Kalubenge got a virus that made him very sick. He went to a hospital for help. Some of his neighbors think they will get sicker in an ambulance and at a hospital. He tells them, “I was cured.” They will let him take them to the hospital on his motorcycle. He says, “It encourages me to help people who are suffering.” After Jesus healed a man, He said in Mark 5:19, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you.”

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What word is each fossil trying to spell? Look at the creatures for clues. Draw in the missing letter parts. Put the animal’s number in the matching fossil’s blue box. An example is shown.
These friends need each other.

He has four legs. She does too!
She has soft fur. He does too!
These two animals are best friends.
They play hide-and-seek.
They share toys. They play tag.
They are different kinds of animals.
What are they?

Kris the Cheetah says, “Let’s play!” to Remus the dog.

Kris doesn’t have a cheetah family. Zoo workers take care of her. Remus is a rescue dog. He is her new big brother. Does Remus think Kris is a silly looking dog? Does Kris think Remus needs spots? Remus will show Kris how to play and teach her how to snuggle. He’s not a cheetah. She’s not a dog. But they need each other! God created us to need each other too. The Bible’s Jonathan and David were good friends. They needed each other. It says in 1 Samuel 20:4, “Then Jonathan said to David, ‘Whatever you say, I will do for you.’”
It was bat time in Texas.

Some bats from Mexico live in Texas in the summer. They roost under city bridges. They fly out at night to eat.

Fall came. The bats did not fly back to Mexico. Why not?

It was hot in October and November. Bats like that. Swarms of crickets flew in. Yum! Why would the bats want to leave?

Over a million Mexican free-tailed bats roost under bridges in Austin, Texas, in summer. People love to stand on the bridges at dusk to watch the bats fly out in search of food. Really hot weather in Austin last fall kept the bats in Texas. And then the city had an invasion of crickets. The bats were warm and well fed on bugs. They had no need to leave.

Daniel 2:21 says that to God belong wisdom and might. He knows when to change times and seasons so that even bats are cared for.

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Young men in long-ago Korea studied hard. They wanted to do well on the gwageo [GWAH-go] test. Then they might get good jobs.

No one takes that test anymore. But older people remember those days. They dress up. They act out taking the test.

The king would watch over the exams hundreds of years ago. An actor might play the part of the king today. Everyone dresses as they did back then. It is a way for Korean people to remember the olden days. There have not been real gwageo tests for 125 years. But Korean boys and girls still take many other tests before they can get jobs. **There is one kind of testing we should always do. The Apostle Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:21, “Test everything; hold fast what is good.”**
Follow these directions:

1) Find a number in the drawings and mark it with an X.
2) In the red box, circle the word for the number you found in the picture.
3) Trace over that same number at the bottom of the page.
There is a new apple in town. It has a funny name. Can you say, “Cosmic Crisp?” Why is it called that?

Here is a hint: Cosmic is a word about outer space.

The red apple is crunchy and its skin is speckled. Its yellow spots look like distant stars! So it’s called a Cosmic Crisp.

The Cosmic Crisp is the first apple ever bred in Washington State. It is a cross between the Enterprise and Honeycrisp apples. It’s a tasty apple that is safe from many diseases. Growers planted 12 million Cosmic Crisp trees! One orchard owner says, “I’ve never seen an apple prettier in the orchard than these things are.” We read in Proverbs 25:11 that good words are like golden apples. “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.”
What is parked on that air base outside Tucson [TOO-saan], Arizona? Old warplanes!

Workers fix many. They store hundreds more. They will use parts to repair other planes.

Workers spray the planes with paint. It protects them from hot sun and strong winds.

The people who work at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base call the place an “airplane graveyard” or “boneyard.” Nearly all old Navy, Army, Air Force, and many other planes end up here. Sometimes workers fix up a plane. Every part of every aircraft they can save is one less part that needs to be bought or made somewhere else. These workers can see firsthand that moth and rust destroy our earthly possessions. Read Matthew 6:19-21 to learn what God tells us to do.

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A doctor 200 years ago would put his head on a person’s chest to hear the heart beat. French physician René Laennec invented the first chest examiner. It was a long wooden tube. Scientists today are inventing new ways to listen to and see the heart. Some use a smartphone app. Others use ultrasound. Will doctors stop using traditional stethoscopes? Many say, “No.” *Hear good news from Psalm 73:26, “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart.”*
How do you make an apple pie? Number the pictures in order. Words give you hints.

1. pick
2. slice
3. peel
4. crust
5. carry
6. bake
7. share

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Chimneys are bird hotels!

Small birds take long trips. Swifts stop to rest in chimneys.

Many big old chimneys have been torn down. So people build fake chimneys for the birds. Swifts nest and rest in them.

South American swifts migrate [my-grate] to North America for four months each year. They are called “chimney swifts.” Why? They can swoop into narrow chimneys. They stick their toes to the walls and rest. Birmingham, Alabama, has about 30 large, old chimneys. Flocks of swifts drop into them. Many new buildings don’t have chimneys. Volunteers across America build chimney birdhouses for swifts. God takes care of his creation. Even little chimney swifts! Psalm 50:11 says, “I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.”

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Many people have things in their homes that are from the past. Was that rug in a hotel? Who walked on it? Were those bricks from the bank? Was it ever robbed? Did that door come from a barn? Who milked cows there?

“Salvage” stores in the United States sell things like these. People say that they tell a story.

The Joy of Cooking has been a favorite for many years. Now there is a new The Joy of Cooking.

It is full of new recipes and old favorites. John Becker and his wife Megan cooked every one of them. They wanted to be sure each recipe worked.

This is the new cookbook.

This is the old cookbook.

Irma Rombauer wrote the first The Joy of Cooking cookbook.

Irma’s great-great grandson and his wife wrote the new cookbook.

The Joy of Cooking is filled with delicious recipes. Irma S. Rombauer wrote the cookbook 88 years ago. Her great-great grandson and his wife wanted to make the family cookbook better. They added 600 new recipes. They improved old ones. It was hard work. Meals are fun to make and share together. Jesus shared meals with friends. John 12:2 says, “They gave a dinner for Him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table.”
People like to think about the history of an item in their home. Did it come from an opera house? Was it hidden in Grandma’s attic? Did someone famous own it? We like stories because the Bible tells us God’s story of love and salvation in Jesus. Our lives tell a story too. Will yours be like Timothy’s? Paul writes in 2 Timothy 1:5, “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice.”
Use the box to tally 15 differences between the pictures. Describe some of them.
Round up the bison.

A large herd of bison lives on an island in the Great Salt Lake. People round up the herd every year. Each bison gets a checkup. Some are sold. The rest stay on the island. But there will be another roundup next year.

Antelope Island in Utah has 775 bison. It is small. It has enough food for about 500 bison. The roundup helps keep the herd healthy. Proverbs 27:23 says, “Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds.”

Is it a bison or a buffalo? Bison live in North America. Water buffalo and Cape buffalo do not. Bison have a big hump and a thick beard. Their horns are short and sharp. Buffalo have no humps or beards. Their horns are large and round.
Salt water flooded Venice, Italy.
Who would help clean up?

“This is our city,” said Laura Franco.
Hundreds of young people went to work.

Salt eats away at things.
The kids are called “Angels of the Salt.”
Some cleaned a music school.
Some worked in shops.
Others bagged trash.

The “Angels” were not yet born when the last big flood hit Venice. This one was nearly as bad as that had been. The young people pulled on their rubber boots and went into the city to help. Venice is built on 118 small islands in a lagoon along the Adriatic Sea. It is an old, old city filled with beautiful buildings that hold paintings and other art from long ago.

The city’s young people show us what Luke 6:31 says. “As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”

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People in large cities often live in areas that have no good grocery stores. They live in “food deserts.” They must travel miles to buy fresh fruits and veggies. Cities like Chicago and Atlanta want to fix that. Gardens are planted on empty lots. Fresh food stands are at train stations. Small stores sell fresh foods, not just candy and soda. These are ways that show us what Matthew 22:39 teaches. We are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

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Xavier Lopez chooses fruits and vegetables for a customer.

People need fresh food.

When is the last time you ate one of these foods?

It is hard for many people to buy fresh foods. They live far from supermarkets. They have no cars.

Folks in large cities help. They plant gardens. They sell veggies at train stops. They help with rides to the grocery store.

Helpers take care of a garden in Chicago.
One way to fix the food desert problem (page 3) is to grow things. Can you describe 15 differences between these two gardens?