The six-bedroom house was built 139 years ago on Franklin Street in San Francisco, California. Owner Tim Brown had it moved six blocks to Fulton Street. House mover Phil Joy said that trees were trimmed, power lines were lifted up, parking meters were ripped out, and traffic signs were taken down before the move. You could walk faster than the house crept along.

Tim Brown must love his house. He did not sell it. He had it moved! Up on rollers the old house went. It rolled slowly along. Watch out! It came to rest six blocks away.

Proverbs 24:3 reminds us, “By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established.”
Golf clubs, balls, bags, and shoes all cost money. So does playing 18 holes of golf. Not so many people play golf anymore. What is to become of those big grassy places? Footgolf probably started in Holland. Now many golf courses around the world allow people to play footgolf and golf at the same place. Have you been to a footgolf birthday party? **Play is good. God gave His people a blessing in Zechariah 8:5. He said, “And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing.”**
Mr. Crea has worked in the Vatican Museums for 23 years. Perhaps the most famous room there is the Sistine Chapel. Paintings by the artist Michelangelo fill its ceiling. The key to the chapel is kept separate from the thousands of other keys. At the end of every day, that key goes into a new white envelope. The envelope is sealed, stamped, and locked inside its own wall safe.

Jesus says, “I died and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.” (Revelation 1:18)

He must not lose these keys.

Jingle. Jangle. Gianni Crea [jee-aa-nee kray-aa] is the head key-keeper at the Vatican Museums in Italy.

Priceless artwork fills each room. Mr. Crea locks the doors at night. He unlocks them each morning.

Mr. Crea is busy. He has a lot of doors to unlock.
Larry the cat lives at the headquarters of the government of the United Kingdom. He is the chief mouse catcher. Larry was once a stray cat. Prime Minister David Cameron adopted him. Later, new leaders took Mr. Cameron’s place. But Larry stayed. Visitors see Larry prowling. He works hard. (But he takes naps too!) God asks us to work hard at what we do. Colossians 3:23 says, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”
Many scientists travel to do their work. The virus shutdown kept them at home.

Citizen scientists (regular people) helped out. They counted birds. They kept track of rainfall. They did many other things too.

Genesis 5:1 tells us, "When God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.”
This is a naked mole rat. It lives underground. It cannot see well. Its ears are on the inside.

*Chirp. Squeak.* It talks to other rats in its colony. Rats from another family do not make the same sounds.

Naked mole rats are like bees and termites. Each colony has one breeding queen and non-breeding workers. Scientists studied the sounds of naked mole rats in different colonies. All the rats in each group sound like their queen. God gave the rats a way to know when a stranger comes into their colony. The strange rat does not sound the same as they do! *Genesis 2:19* says, “So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field.”
People have spent lots of time at home in the last year. They have done more cooking too. Pyrex still makes this glassware. But casserole dishes, chili bowls with handles, and four-piece "fridgie" sets from about 50 years ago are more popular. Prices rise as more people collect these dishes. One covered casserole dish sold for nearly $6,000!

Sometimes objects help us to remember people we have loved. Proverbs 10:7 tells us, "The memory of the righteous is a blessing."

Old dishes are new again.

Where are the monarch butterflies?

Monarch [mon-ark] butterflies are orange, black, and white. They spend summer in Canada and the United States. They fly to Mexico in winter.

Fewer monarchs were in Mexico last winter. Was it because of storms or fallen trees? Or did they move higher up into the mountains?

Have you seen one of these where you live?

Monarch butterflies make a 3,000-mile journey from Canada to Mexico when cold weather begins. They usually return to the same forests their parents came from. But wind storms, droughts, logging, and insect pests have caused a loss of trees in Mexico’s forests. Scientists worry that these remarkable insects are disappearing. **God changes monarchs from eggs to caterpillars to pupae to butterflies. He makes us new creatures when we believe in Jesus. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.**

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About 2,000 elephants move in and out of Amboseli National Park in Kenya. The country collects over one billion dollars each year from tourists who come to watch. The KiliAvo company plans to grow avocados on land near the park. Owners say it also will help area farmers learn to grow their own avocados. But other people want to protect elephants. They say avocado farms would block elephants from getting to the park. Psalm 8:6-9 reminds us that God created people to make choices about how to use the land and care for the animals.

People on Earth listened to the sounds. **Woosh, Swoosh! Zap, Zap, Zap.**

**What does Mars sound like?**

*Perseverance* is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s new space rover. It has two microphones on board. They capture sounds in space. One recorded the rover’s six metal wheels grinding, hammering, and scraping along the rocky soil on Mars. It was a surprise to hear how noisy Mars is! Do you want to hear what the Red Planet sounds like? Ask Mom or Dad if you can listen online (https://mars.nasa.gov/mars2020/multimedia/audio/). *Nehemiah 9:6* reminds us that God created everything—even Mars! “You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the Earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.”
Warriors called the Seljuks and the Huns fought with javelins more than 1,000 years ago. Turkish riders today remember the skills those soldiers had. They play a game. There may be up to 12 players on each side. One team has long “spears” with rubber tips. Its members try to hit people on the other team. Points are given for hitting an opponent and for ducking or catching a javelin in midair. Teams take turns throwing and dodging. Nahum describes a fearful battle with “horsemen charging, flashing sword and glittering spear” in chapter 3, verse 3.

This statue of a Seljuk warrior is over 800 years old!
A drone is a remote-controlled aircraft. A camera in Mr. Baan’s greenhouse watches for pesky moths. “Attack the moth,” it signals to the drone. The drone zips toward the moth and zaps it. Mr. Baan is happy because the drone system can tell good and bad critters apart. Moths destroy his crops, but other insects are helpful. Psalm 78:46 talks about the plague of locusts God sent to Egypt. It says, “He gave their crops to the destroying locust and the fruit of their labor to the locust.”
Weather experts say that Greek letters had people wondering what they meant. Many look and sound alike (Zeta, Eta, Theta). People did not think so much about getting ready for a hurricane. The World Meteorological Association makes alphabetical lists of names each year. They are used for hurricanes (also called cyclones) in different parts of the world.

Nahum 1:3 tells us, “The Lord is great in power. His way is in the whirlwind.”

Many Greek letters look just like the letters we use. How many can you find on this old stone tablet?

Goodbye, Zeta, Eta, and Theta.

Many hurricanes formed last year. Weather experts had a list of 21 names for them. They used every name. But more storms came.

The experts used Greek letters. Those confused people. No more Greek storm names.
Flocks of birds fly over Philadelphia [fill-uh-dell-fee-uh] in spring and fall. Bright lights in tall city buildings throw them off. Many fly into windows. They are hurt or killed.

How can people help? Dim the lights!

Many birds migrate while we sleep.

Stars help guide birds at night.

Building lights look like stars.

Ovenbirds migrate over Philadelphia.

Philadelphia dims city lights.

Dim the lights!

Many birds fly into windows. They are hurt or killed.

How can people help? Dim the lights!

Stars help guide birds when they fly at night. The largest number of birds in 70 years hit Philadelphia’s downtown buildings last fall. It was cloudy and raining. The birds mistook lights in the buildings for stars. Property owners and people living or working in many buildings are joining “Lights Out Philly.” They will switch off lights near windows between midnight and 6:00 in the morning. See if you can find out which birds migrate over Philadelphia. Psalm 91:4 tells us that God protects us like a mother bird: “Under His wings you will find refuge.”
A rare china bowl turned up at a yard sale near New Haven, Connecticut. Perhaps it had been owned by a family that did not know it was one of only seven left in the world. It is painted with lotus, peony, chrysanthemum, and pomegranate flowers. The bowl sold at auction for nearly $722,000. The bowls were made about 600 years ago for an emperor in China. Most of the six other bowls are in museums around the world. Read Matthew 13:44 about the hidden treasure of the kingdom of heaven.
Philippe Labourel wanted to "give children a little bit of joy" during the time everyone was wearing masks and staying far apart. He made grownups happy too. His teddy bears sit in cafés, a drugstore, a hotel, and the street. Mr. L. does not say how many bears he has in his bookshop's "bear cave." But the giant stuffed toys have been a huge success.

"Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud sounds of joy!" Read Psalm 47:1.
Maine fishermen are grateful to be allowed to fish for evers again. Many could not fish last year. They again may sell the baby eels to companies in Asia. These companies raise the eels to be adults. Then they sell them to restaurants. Those eels become food, such as sushi. Have you ever tried that? Matthew 13:47 says, “The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.”

Fishermen lined the banks of Maine’s rivers and streams this spring. They used nets to scoop up baby eels.

Eel fishing stopped last year. That was because of virus safety rules. Fishermen still must stand six feet apart. But they are happy to catch and sell the “elvers.”
Word search The first letter of each picture is the letter that belongs in that space. “Strawberry” starts with an S. “Sushi” is the word. Write the page number of the story each word comes from in the box. (Hint: they are all from Lesson 8.) Words go across or down.

- TEDDY
- SUSHI
- BOWL
- PARIS
- SALE
- SCOOP
- CHINA
- MAINE
- NETS
- PARK

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Doramise Moreau works part-time as a janitor. She lives in Miami, Florida. But she grew up in Haiti. She gave food from her mom’s pantry to hungry people when she was a child. Now she cooks 1,000 meals on Friday nights each week. Her church pays for the food. And church members serve it to hungry neighbors on Saturdays. No one goes away hungry.

“It hurts my feelings if they have nothing,” she says.

Mrs. M. is a good cook. She makes food for hungry people. They pick it up at her church on Saturdays. No one goes away hungry.

“The Lord’s Prayer teaches us to ask God for our daily bread.” Read Matthew 6:11 or Luke 11:3.
Did you know that a bunch of cardinals is called a college? But you don’t need to be in college to figure out this puzzle! Fill in the blank with the word that matches the picture above it to reveal some interesting bird names. You might even see some of these birds in your yard.

1. cat bird
2. _______-tailed flycatcher
3. _______ pecker
4. _______ finch
5. _______ hawk
   (also known as an osprey)
6. mag_______
7. _______ bird
8. _______-breasted grosbeak
9. _______ dove

Here are the nine birds that you named . . . .
Most overnight camps for kids were closed last summer. Everyone wanted to keep kids and their families safe from COVID-19. At least 45 states will allow overnight camps this summer. Moms and dads say kids need to be outdoors. They need to be with friends. Most of the camps in the United States are ready. Will you be a camper this summer?

Leviticus 23:42-43 tells of a thanksgiving feast that Israel was to keep each year. The people were to live in booths or tents for seven days. They were to remember God’s protection over them.

**Get ready for snipe hunts!**

People were being careful of the virus. They shut down most camps last summer. Will you be a happy camper this year? Camps are open. Are you ready?

Camp employees worked hard to make sure the camps are clean and ready.
Can you read a map?
Follow the letter down and the number across. That's how you use map rows and columns to tell where a place is. Look at the example. Write down the letters and numbers for each picture in the boxes.
God used Miss Stegall to help heal Mrs. Thorin. The two women are part of God’s family. Mrs. Thorin has had a bad disease since she was a teenager. It hurt her liver. That is one organ our bodies need to live. Miss Stegall was tested to see if her liver would match. Yes! She went to a hospital in Denver, Colorado, for the surgery. Mrs. Thorin is not all well yet. Miss Stegall will have a long scar on her tummy all her life. But she did what Jesus teaches in Matthew 22:39, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Margaret showed great love. Janet Thorin was very sick. She needed a new liver. Friends asked for help on Facebook. Margaret Stegall saw the post. She felt she could help. She gave part of her liver to Mrs. Thorin.
What is the correct time?

Twice a day our clocks go to 12. Twelve o’clock noon is the middle of the day. Twelve o’clock at night is midnight. The letters AM stand for the twelve hours before noon. PM stands for the twelve hours that come after noon.

Look at each picture. Circle the right time for that picture. (An example is done for you.)
Liza Scott lives in Homewood, Alabama. The operation was to be done in Boston, Massachusetts. Liza and her mom had to fly to and from Boston. Her mom needed to stay in a hotel and pay for food. All of that cost a lot of money. Liza raised thousands of dollars with her lemonade stand. God took care of her.

Philippians 4:19 says, “And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

God IS good!

Seven-year-old Liza needed an operation. How could her family pay for it? Liza set up a lemonade stand! People in her town bought lemonade. Others gave money.

Liza had the surgery. “God is good!” her mom says.
Vicki and Robert set up a lemonade stand in their neighborhood. They sold a lot of lemonade for $1 per cup. Count up all the cups of lemonade to find out how much money they made. Put your answer in the box below.
Mr. Rabin was riding a train from the airport into the city. He left the flute from his grandmother on the train. He came back and looked for the flute. He rode on the train for hours. But he had to return to his home in Boston without the flute. He put his story on Facebook. A homeless man had tried to sell it at a shop that lends people money for valuable items. The shop owner knew the flute was costly. He held onto it. Mr. Rabin has his precious flute back.

Proverbs 2:1-5 tells us that the treasure of wisdom and understanding from God is what we should seek.

Donald Rabin hopped off a train in Chicago. Wait! He had left his flute behind. It was gone.

Would he see it again? Yes! The flute is real gold and silver. A pawn shop owner had it.

A case keeps it safe.

The long flute pulls apart into three pieces.

He blows air over the mouth hole.

The air travels through the body to make sound.

He presses keys to change the sound.

He cried happy tears.
Help the mole escape.
The cat is distracted by the butterfly.
Find the right path to tunnel around the cat.
The Louisville, Colorado, couple have been married 55 years. Mrs. Hartman hurt her back. She could not care for her husband by herself. He has dementia and lives at Juniper Village. The couple could not touch one another when she visited. Care givers had the idea to make a plastic barrier with sleeves.

They are called “cuddle curtains” in England! God created us to need human touch. Mark 10:13 says, “And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them.”

Would you miss hugs?

Len Hartman is in a nursing home. Virus rules said, “No Touching.” His wife visited him. But they could not hug.

Workers at the home made a plastic “hug tent.” She squeezed him! “It’s been a long, long time,” she said.
Unlock the puzzle

The keys are mixed up! Match each key with a lock. Write the letter for the lock in the blank next to the key. Then fill in the letters at the bottom of the page to reveal the Bible verse.

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4 5 6
7 8 9

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John 10:9

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Captain Tom had a goal. He wanted to walk 100 laps before his 100th birthday. Round and round his garden he went. People cheered for him. He did it! The man met his goal.

Captain Tom set a goal to help others. Captain Tom Moore’s laps raised money for Great Britain’s National Health Service. He raised $45 million dollars in three weeks! People watched Captain Tom. They wanted to help others too. Imogen Papworth-Heidel is 11 years old. She set a goal to do over seven million “keepy uppies” to raise money. (Those are soccer ball moves.) Other soccer players helped her meet the goal. “Do whatever you can to help others,” said Captain Tom. Galatians 6:2 says, “Bear one another’s burdens.”
TIME TO RHYME  Help get the letters in the mail!  Figure out which stamp goes with each letter.  Match the picture on the stamp with the rhyming name.