

Kidsword

II Chronicles 36:14-23



God truly loved his people, but there were times when they forgot about God and did wicked things. Once, it got so bad that they were conquered and carried away as captives into another country. They had been warned many times that this would happen if they didn't change their ways.

Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul the Apostle wrote many helpful letters to new groups of believers in cities all over the Roman world. Here is something he wrote to the new believers in a city called Ephesus:

GOD HAS SAVED YOU BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU, NOT BECAUSE OF THE GOOD THING YOU HAVE DONE; AND THE BAD THINGS YOU HAVE DONE WILL NOT STOP GOD'S LOVE. GOD HAS PLANNED MANY GOOD THINGS FOR YOU TO DO, AND HE IS MAKING YOU INTO THE KIND OF PERSON WHO WANTS TO DO THEM.

What kinds of good thing? Copy the letters inside the shapes, above, onto the lines above those same shapes, below.

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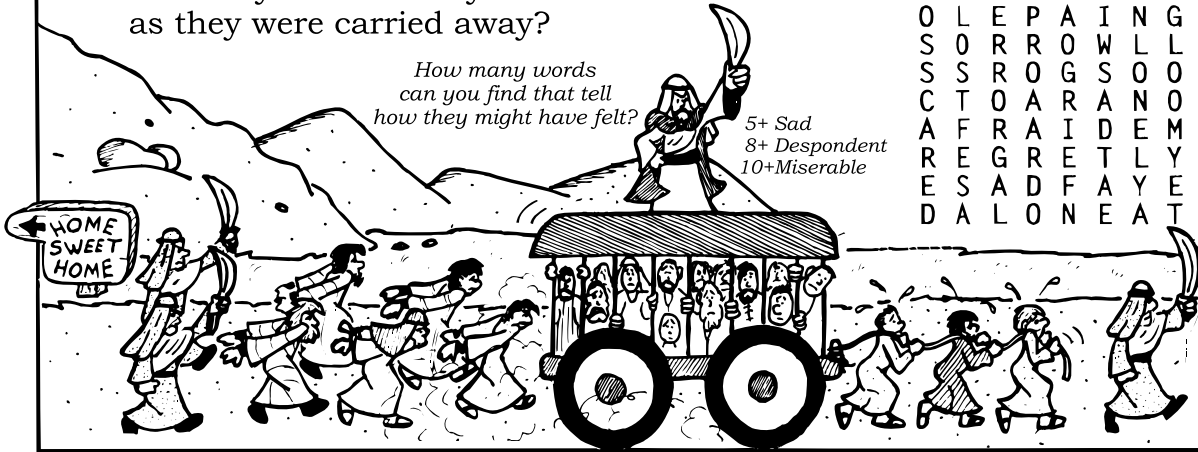
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How do you think they felt as they were carried away?

How many words can you find that tell how they might have felt?

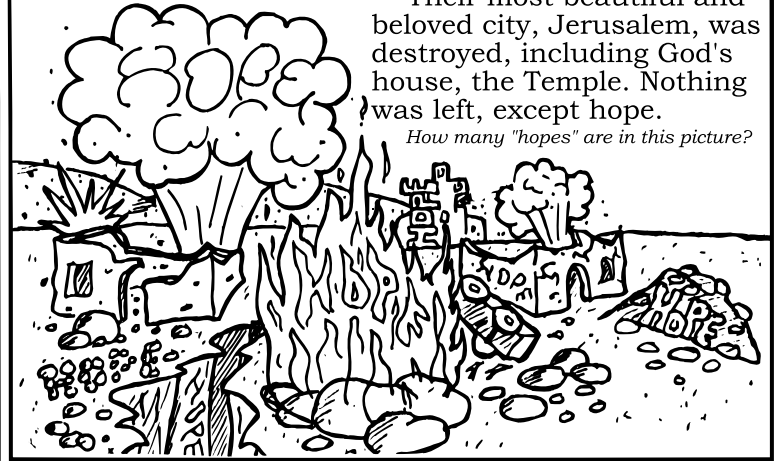
5+ Sad
8+ Despondent
10+ Miserable

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O L E R P A N I N G
S S R R O R G S A N L O O M
C A F T O A I R E D L O O M
R E S A L O N E M Y E T



Their most beautiful and beloved city, Jerusalem, was destroyed, including God's house, the Temple. Nothing was left, except hope.

How many "hopes" are in this picture?

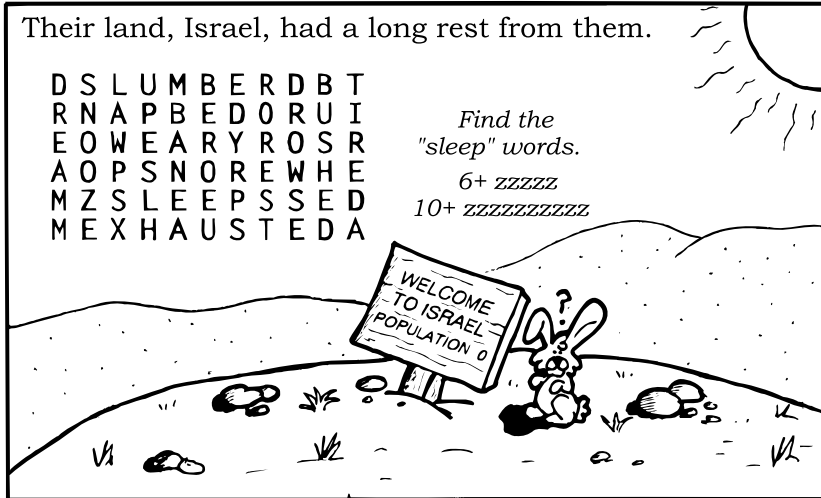


Their land, Israel, had a long rest from them.

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M Z S L E E P S S E D
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Find the "sleep" words.

6+ ZZZZZ
10+ ZZZZZZZZZZ

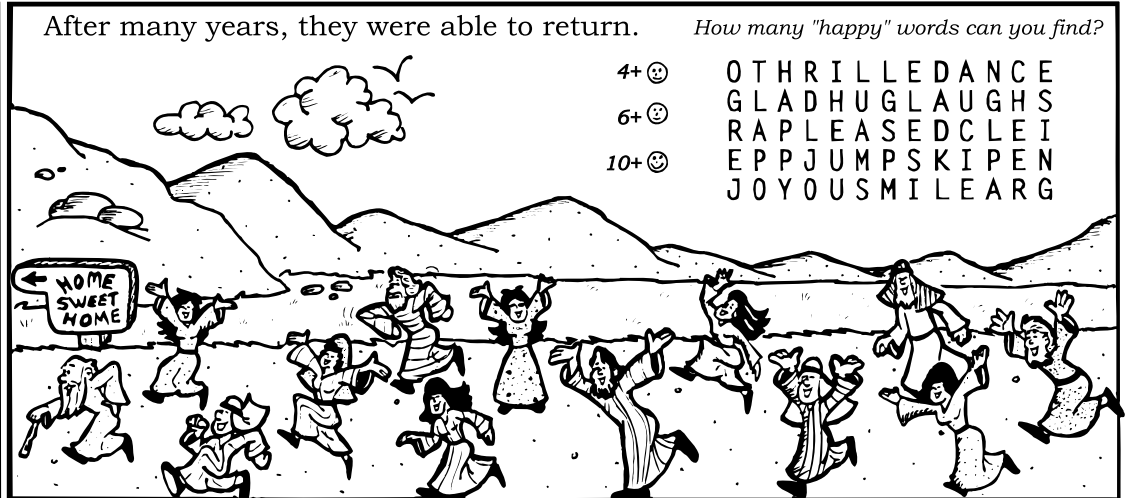


After many years, they were able to return.

How many "happy" words can you find?

4+ ☺
6+ ☺
10+ ☺

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G L A D H U G L A U G H S
R A P L E A S E D C L E I
E P P J U M P S K I P E N
J O Y O U S M I L E A R G



They built a new house for God.

Draw them building a beautiful temple.

