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BIBLE trumps

David



DAVID: a shepherd boy who became king and a mighty soldier. He even found time to write Psalms!
Best moment: defeating Goliath

Courage

10

Self control

6

Wisdom

6

Prayer

10

Leadership

9

Appearances

28

(in different books in the Bible)

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Quiz time

Can you unscramble the names of these 6 dances you might see on Strictly Come Dancing?

- 1: a s b a m
- 2: i v j e
- 3: q s p u k e i t c
- 4: a n g t o
- 5: f t o x o r t
- 6: a l t w z

1

2

3

4

5

6

Bible Trumps

One of my favourite games when I was growing up was Top Trumps. These cards let you see how well different people or things did in several categories.

The cards I liked best were the Wild West ones seeing how big a WANTED reward the different cowboys had or how many shoot outs the sheriffs had won! Each category was usually marked out of 10 with some special ones having higher values.

This year we're doing Bible Top Trumps to learn a little bit more about some of our favourite Bible characters. We'll be able to see that some were better than others at certain things. A bit like us! Though even so, God was always able to use them. Again, just like us!



Fairy cakes

What you need:

- 4 oz margarine, softened
- 4 oz caster sugar
- 4 oz self-raising flour
- 2 large eggs

What you do:

Preheat the oven to 190°C, gas mark 5. Sieve the flour onto a plate.

Cut the margarine into small pieces in a bowl and add the sugar. Beat them together until the mixture is pale and fluffy-looking. Keep scraping the sides of the bowl to make sure everything is properly mixed together.

Beat the eggs and add to the mixture bit by bit, beating well between each addition. If it starts to look as if it's curdling - separating and looking blobby - add a spoonful of the sieved flour with the egg.

After all the egg has been beaten in, add the flour half at a time and fold it in to the mixture. To fold it in, you need a metal spoon to 'cut', lift and fold the mixture over.

When all the flour is incorporated, divide the mixture between 12 paper cases in a bun tray.

Cook in the centre of the oven for 12 - 15 minutes until well-risen and golden-brown.

Allow to cool on a cooling rack.

Top with icing and decorate however you like - these ones have been decorated using wintery pictures for the season!



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Book Review



Title: The Lion Book of Five-Minute Parables

Author: Charlotte Ryton

Publisher: Lion

ISBN: 978 0 7459 4757 0 (hardback)

Price: £8.99

ISBN: 978 0 7459 4984 0 (paperback)

Price: £6.99

This book contains the top ten parables in the New Testament and each one is read easily in five minutes. It is a really funny book and the wonderful pictures make use of textiles.



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Hi! I'm Phoebe
What kind of hair do oceans have?
Wavy!

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★
★
Hi! I'm Noah
Happy New Year to all our readers, please write to us and tell us about your Christmas holidays and the things you've done, seen or visited or even the best present you have given or received. If we print your letter we will send you a T-shirt!



★
Hi! I'm Zadok
Why not send us a book review and if we print it you will receive a fantastic calendar from me!

What's Up?



THE LIFE OF DAVID

DRAWN BY
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A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

IT IS 1,000 BC AND
THE NATION OF ISRAEL
IS SURROUNDED BY
ITS ENEMIES ...

SAUL, ISRAEL'S KING IS A TROUBLED
MAN. REJECTED BY GOD FOR HIS
LACK OF FAITH ...



FOR SAMUEL, THE PROPHET OF
GOD, IT SEEMED LIKE THE
COUNTRY'S DARKEST HOUR.



BUT GOD
SPOKE TO
SAMUEL ...

DO NOT
MOURN FOR
SAUL. GO TO
BETHLEHEM AND
ANOINT ONE
OF JESSE'S SONS
AS KING
INSTEAD.



HOW CAN I DO THAT?!!
IF SAUL FINDS OUT
HE'LL KILL ME!

TELL SAUL
YOU ARE INVITING
JESSE TO A
SACRIFICE ...

TAKE A COW
ALONG AND I WILL
TELL YOU WHAT
TO DO NEXT.

SO SAMUEL MET JESSE AND HIS
SEVEN SONS.

BUT GOD DID NOT INDICATE ANY OF
THE SONS HE SAW.

SAMUEL,
DO NOT
CONSIDER
OUTWARD
APPEARANCE.

SO SAMUEL
ANOINTED
DAVID, AND
THE SPIRIT
OF GOD
FELL UPON
HIM!

FINALLY,
JESSE
CALLED HIS
YOUNGEST
SON, DAVID,
WHO WAS
TENDING
SHEEP IN
THE FIELDS.

HE IS
THE ONE!

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

What is the capital of Malawi?

Lilongwe

What is the population of Malawi?

11.6 million

What is Malawi's official language?

English



Hello everyone!

I've just had a fantastic year in Africa and I want to tell you all about it! But first, let me introduce myself: my name's Norma. I come from Northern Ireland, but live in Scotland (so I've now got a really funny accent!). I have the bestest job in the world -

I'm a ... wait for it... teacher! (Don't worry: I'm a big softie really!) Anyway, nuff of that. In August 2007 I started a big adventure. I went to live in Malawi for a whole year. Do you know where that is? It's about two-thirds of the way down Africa on the right hand side. (See if you can find it on a map.)

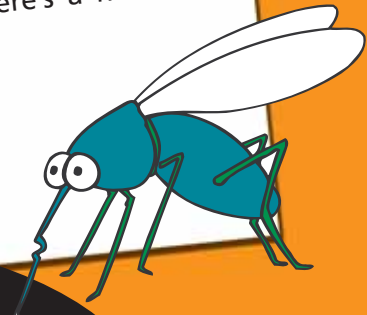
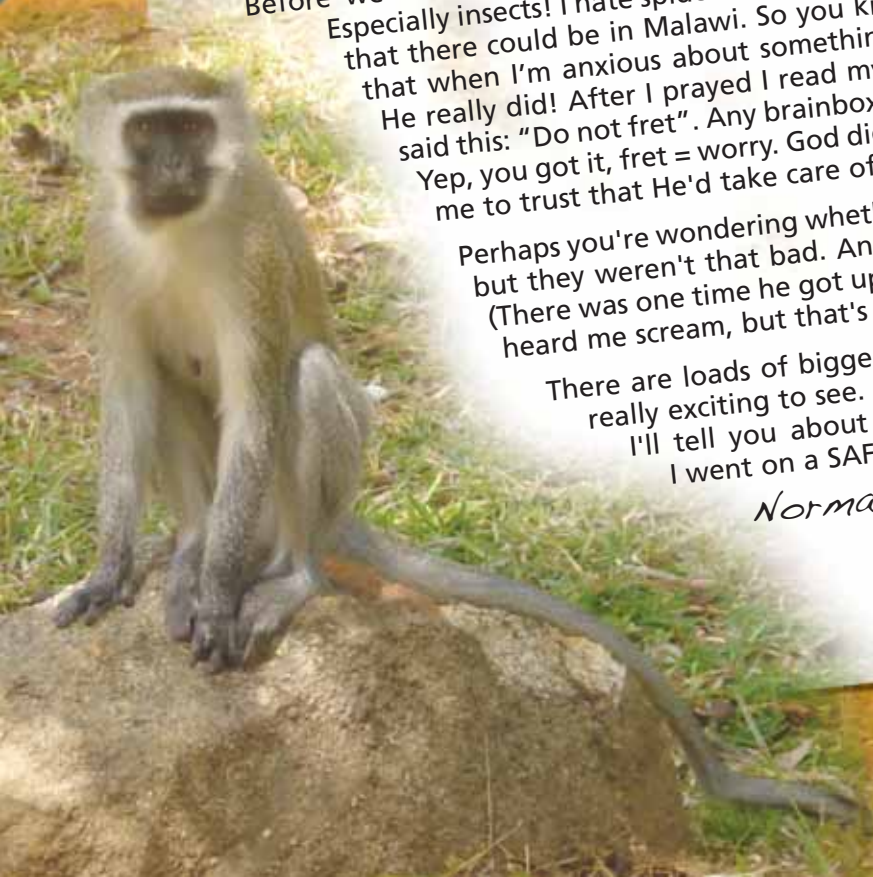
I went with my two pals - Joy and Karl. Getting ready was exciting. Have you ever tried to fit a year's amount of stuff into one suitcase? It isn't easy! We had to pack lots of suncream, mosquito spray and summery clothes. We also needed to get loads of jags. (I thought they'd be sore but thankfully they didn't hurt at all).

Before we left Scotland I felt really scared. I was nervous about tons of things. Especially insects! I hate spiders and was soooooo worried about all the bugs that there could be in Malawi. So you know what I did? I prayed. I often do that when I'm anxious about something. And guess what? God answered. He really did! After I prayed I read my Bible. The very first verse I came to said this: "Do not fret". Any brainboxes out there know what FRET means? Yep, you got it, fret = worry. God didn't want me to be scared. He wanted me to trust that He'd take care of me. And He did. I felt safe all year.

Perhaps you're wondering whether I did see any insects in Malawi. Yes, but they weren't that bad. And Karl usually got rid of them for me. (There was one time he got up in the middle of the night because he heard me scream, but that's another story!)

There are loads of bigger animals in Malawi though, which are really exciting to see. Can you guess what some of them are? I'll tell you about them next month, but here's a hint - I went on a SAFARI!!!

Norma xx



If you think you are too small to be effective, you've never been in bed with a mosquito!

Remember Reuse Recycle



How many double decker buses full of rubbish did we in the UK produce over Christmas?

Did you know in the UK last month, there were around **1 billion** Christmas cards sent?

Plus, there were **7 million** Christmas trees bought.

Then there was all the plastic packaging the presents came in, and all the wrapping paper that covered them up!

Do you know what it all adds up to?

Over **3 million tonnes** of rubbish over the festive period!

Ouch! That's approximately 350 thousand double decker buses full.

And that's just on this little island called Great Britain! Imagine how much the rest of the World is throwing away?! So, instead of talking about resolutions this month and then forgetting them by February, this year, lets all RE-member to RE-use and RE-cycle!

Why not try and plant your old Christmas tree in your garden? (Just remember to unplug it and take the tinsel off first!) That way, you might even be able to RE-use it next year! And if that doesn't work, your local council or government can turn it into compost which will in turn help other things to grow!

January is a great time to

That's just three simple ideas, but there are so many more. RE-cycling is so important for the future of the planet that it really is worth RE-membering to do. In fact, once you've read this month's issue of PEW, why don't you pass it onto a friend so they can enjoy it too? That's another way of RE-using and RE-cycling!

Take all your cards down (once you've read them of course) and cut them up to make gift tags ready for next year! And RE-cycle the rest by taking them to special collection points near your home or school.

Now that you've RE-placed all your old toys with shiny new ones - why not take the ones you don't need any more to a local charity shop, so that they can help to raise money and be RE-used by other children.

*If you're interested in finding out more about RE-cycling check out www.recyclenow.com



SNAP SHOT

NOAH'S ARK

The rainbow was a sign of God's promise that he would never again destroy mankind in such a way.



Noah had to send out a dove 3 times before he was satisfied the earth was dry. On the third time the dove did not come back.

After Noah and the animals entered, God shut the door of the ark.

Water covered the earth for 150 days before it started to recede.

The ark came to a stop on top of the mountains of Arrarat. It sat there for about half a year before Noah's family and the animals came out.

The ark was made of cypress wood and was 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high.



BRAIN boggler

New Year's resolutions... have you made one yet? If so, how long before you break it?

Apparently the most popular resolutions are losing weight, earning more money, paying off bad debts and starting an exercise regime! Someone has suggested that some good resolutions are "eat a different fish each day", and "reading a book a month".

The point of a New Year's resolution is to set new goals to make our lives better. One journalist called it "the silly season" when we try to remake ourselves. It doesn't matter how hard we try to remake ourselves for better living we can never get rid of the sin in our lives. This is the thing that separates us from God and causes all the problems!

This New Year don't just change your life for a month or two with a resolution, but change your life forever by confessing your sin to God and asking Jesus to come into your life.

"Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold all things are become new."
2 Corinthians 5:17

What makes a rainbow?

Rainbows have always amazed people, they have so many legends linked to them, like is there really gold at the end, and surely everyone would agree that they are beautiful. But what really happens to form a rainbow in the sky? A rainbow is formed when the sun's rays are refracted through water droplets showing the spectrum of colour that makes up a single ray of light. Rainbows always remind me of the story of Noah, this was when the first rainbow appeared and God made a promise never to flood the earth again. Every time we see the rainbow we can be sure that God always keeps His promises.