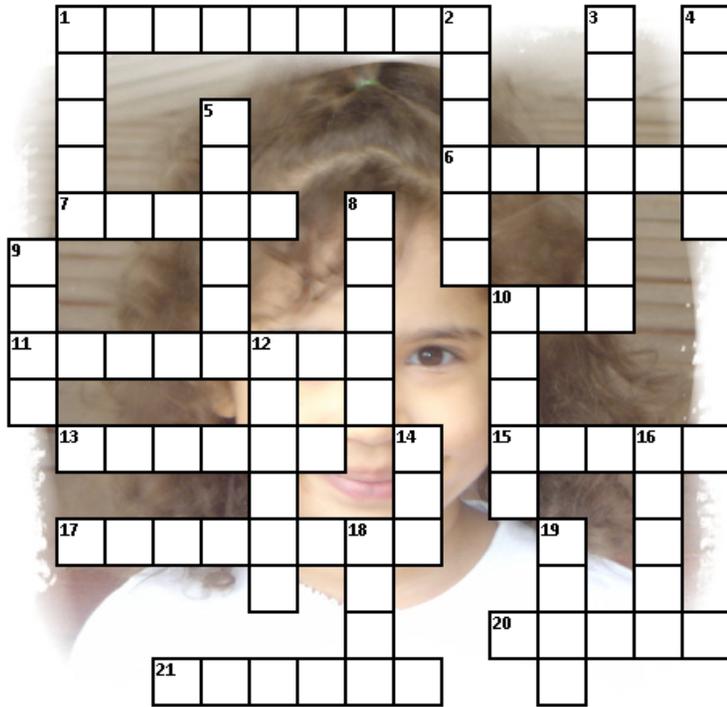


# Crossword Puzzle



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| 1. God loves a _____ giver.                                      | 1. All of God's children should have a generous _____. |
| 6. Giving in secret will bring us a ____.                        | 2. ...give in a hidden or _____ way.                   |
| 7. The word "tithe" means one ____.                              | 3. God _____ all things.                               |
| 10. He created all things.                                       | 4. God will take care of our _____.                    |
| 11. God loves a _____ giver.                                     | 5. A father and _____ love their children...           |
| 13. The Bible tells us that everything that _____ came from God. | 8. The _____ says that God loves a cheerful giver.     |
| 15. God created the _____ and all things on the _____ for us.    | 9. We should give _____ to God.                        |
| 17. God is our _____ Father and He loves all of his children.    | 10. God loves a cheerful _____.                        |
| 20. God is our heavenly Father and He _____ all of His children. | 12. A _____ and a mother...                            |
| 21. It is best if we give in a _____ or secret way.              | 14. A heart full of thankfulness and _____.            |
|  | 16. This word means "one tenth".                       |
|  | 18. We need food and a place to _____.                 |
|  | 19. We need _____ and a place to live...               |

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## *Giving to the Lord*

### I. Overview.

We can see from the Bible that everything that exists has come from God. He created all things. We are God's children, and He as our Heavenly Father supplies us with all the things we need. We should trust in Him to take care of our needs.



God created all things and has blessed us richly in His love.

The Bible also shows us that God desires that His children give back to Him a part of what they have received from Him. All of

God's children should have a generous heart and should give something back to God so that His purpose can be fulfilled.

In the Old Testament God instructed His people that they should "give back" to God a small part from all the things that God had provided for them. This "small part" was called a "tithe" which means "one tenth". When God gives "ten", He asks that we give "one" back to Him.

### II. Memory Verse.

**"All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being."**

(John 1:3)

### III. Lesson

We must realize that God created everything that exists. There is nothing that was not created by God. God, as our heavenly Father, provides for us all the things that we need.

In the Bible we are told that all of God's people should give something back to God out of all the things that they have received from Him. God does not ask us to give what we do not have. But rather He asks us to give a small part from all that He has first given to us.



Giving back to God fills us with joy and makes God very happy.

#### The "Tithe"

In the Old Testament the part that God's people should give back to Him was called a "tithe". The word "tithe" means "one tenth". God first gives us "ten", then He asks that we give "one" back to Him. If God blessed a farmer with ten bushels of grain, the farmer was to give one bushel back to God.

#### Giving Makes God and Us Happy and Joyful

God loves us very much, and because He loves us, He provides us with all that we need. Just like a father and mother love their children and provide for them all the things they need, God provides for us because He is our heavenly Father and He loves all of His children.

God knows that we need food, clothing, a place to live and many other things. It makes God very happy to give us all these things. When we give our "tithe" back to God, it makes us joyful too, and seeing our joy makes God even happier.

### God Loves a Cheerful (Hilarious) Giver

The Bible says that "God loves a cheerful (or hilarious) giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). This means that when we give back to God with a heart full of thankfulness and joy, it makes Him very happy.

God created the earth and all the things on the earth especially for us. When we receive these things from God it makes both God and us happy. God has instructed us in the Bible that we should give one tenth, or a tithe, back to Him. When we give back to God, it is best if we do it in a hidden or secret way, not in way to be seen by other people. The Bible tells us that our giving in secret will bring us a reward.

#### --- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Who created all the things that we enjoy each day?  
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2. We should give one tenth of what we receive back to God. What is this "one tenth" called in the Bible ?  
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3. What kinds of things does God provide for us?  
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4. What does the Bible say about a hilarious giver?  
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