

Faith and Funnies

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This Month in History

- **April 4, 1949** - Twelve nations signed the treaty creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations united for common military defense against the threat of expansion by Soviet Russia into Western Europe.
- **April 9, 1866** - Despite a veto by President Andrew Johnson, the Civil Rights Bill of 1866 was passed by Congress granting blacks the rights and privileges of U.S. citizenship.

Timmy, I hope you put on 'CLEAN UNDERWEAR'.
I don't want you to be hit by a bus.. DIE and go
to to Heaven in 'DIRTY UNDERWEAR'?

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Match the animal to the word for a group of that same animal...

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| 1. A group of butterflies | A) a congregation |
| 2. A group of alligators | B) a mustering |
| 3. A group of lions | C) a troop |
| 4. A group of baboons | D) a flutter |
| 5. A group of pelicans | E) a pod |
| 6. A group of storks | F) a pride |

Answers: 1-D, 2-A, 3-F, 4-C, 5-E, 6-B

Grandma's Warnings and God's Commands

written by Marla Carter

Last week, on a particularly cool, breezy spring day, I was walking my dog and I thought to myself, "Today is a scarf kind of day." I pulled my jacket closer around my body as I remembered my grandmother always insisting that we wear scarves on our heads on windy days. She had a bright pink chiffon scarf that I especially liked, and when I wanted to play outside on a windy day, she put it over my head, tied it under my chin, and made sure it securely protected my ears. Why chiffon was thought to protect my ears or why we couldn't just wear a jacket with a hood I'm not sure, but if we didn't protect our ears, we might get an ear infection.

There other things my grandmother would caution about. I imagine your grandmother or your mother said them too. Don't sit too close to the television; you'll hurt your eyes. Don't watch tv in the dark- you'll hurt your eyes. Don't read in the dark; you'll hurt your eyes. Don't run with scissors; you'll hurt your eyes. Grandmothers are very worried about our eyes, apparently. Of course there was, "Don't go outside with your hair wet; you'll catch a cold." For that matter, going outside when it's cold will give you a cold.

Why did our grandmothers or our mothers say these things to us? They were trying to protect us, right? They wanted us to be healthy, happy, and safe. It's been said that that's why God gave His people so many rules. He was trying to protect them. His commands were for their own good. To some extent, that is true. But God's primary reason for giving the Israelites the commandments was not for their protection, but rather for their holiness. God is far less concerned with our health and happiness than He is with our holiness.

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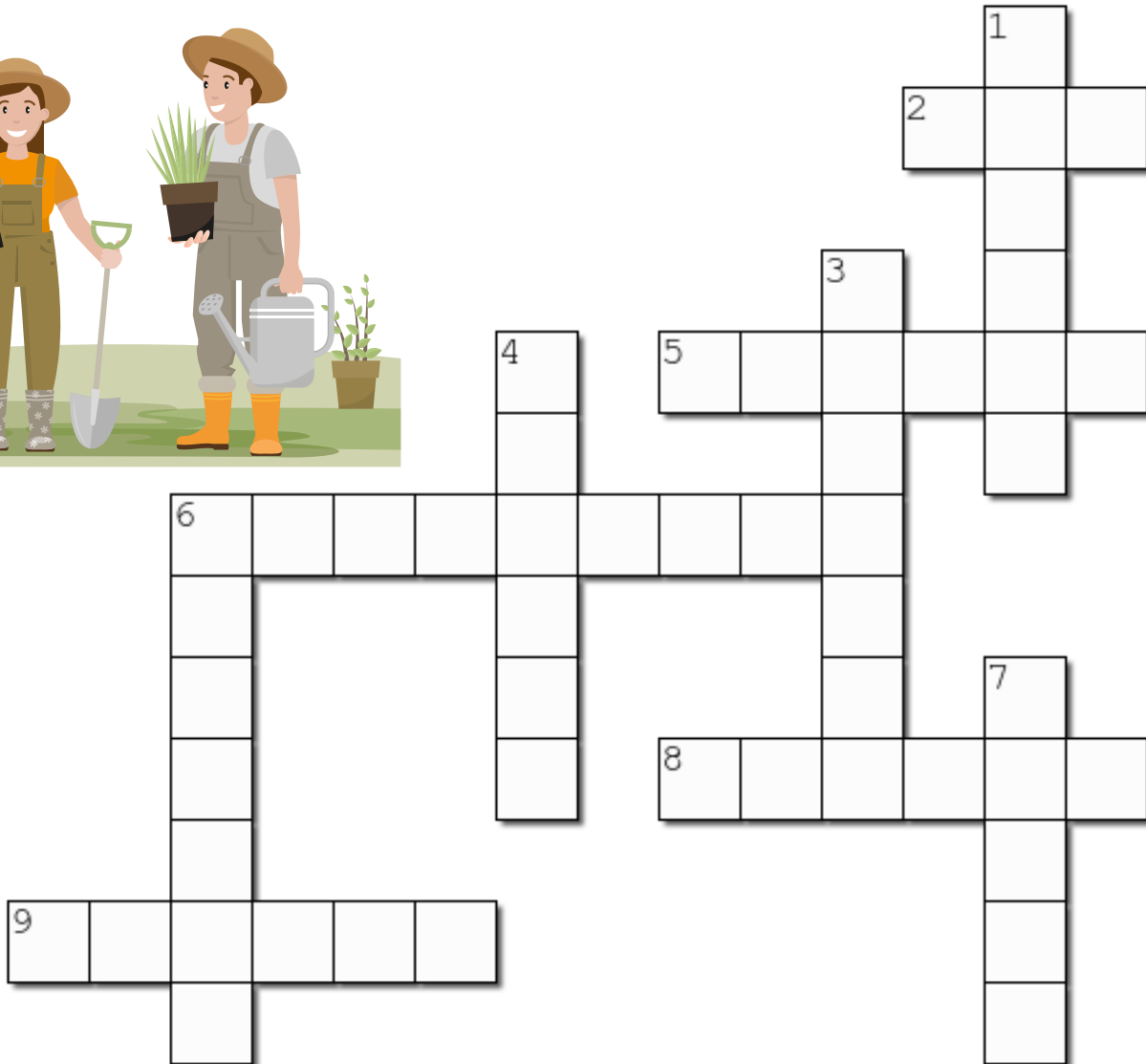
Think about this command in Numbers 15:38, "You are to make tassels on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel." Or what about Deuteronomy 22:9, "Do not plant two kinds of seed in your vineyard; if you do, not only the crops you plant but also the fruit of the vineyard will be defiled." Or Leviticus 19:26-31 which says don't go to fortune tellers, make cuts on your body for the dead, or get tattoos.

There are many of God's laws in the the Old Testament that seem strange to us today, until you remember that God also repeatedly commanded His people to be holy. "For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy." (Leviticus 11:44) To be holy means to be set apart, to be separate. 1 Kings 8:23 says, "O Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath." God is the ultimate example of holiness. He is entirely set apart and there is no one like Him. In the same way, His children should look entirely different from all other people. Everything about God's people should set them apart and show they belong to Him.

So what about us? Do the laws from the Old Testament apply to us? The simplest answer is, yes. Yes in the sense that the *principle* of the laws still apply. God still commands us to be holy: "But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct." 1 Peter 1:15. We are to live our day to day lives in ways that make us look different from everyone else. Just as other nations around Israel would see they were different, so should the people we encounter every day see that we are different because we belong to God.

Spring Gardening and Plants

Complete the puzzle using words related to gardening in the spring.



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

2. protect your head from the sun with this
5. pull these out from your landscaping; they're brown and dead
6. sometimes called buttercups; these are some of the first things to bloom
8. gather up flowers and carry them in this
9. you'll need this to dig a hole

Down

1. it might be cool outside so you may want to wear this
3. some of the first plants you can put out; they tolerate cold snaps
4. protect your hands with these
6. a tree that blooms in the spring, either white or pink
7. these seem to grow faster than the grass