

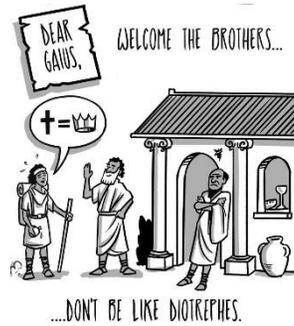
Older Kids

Scripture for Today:

3 John

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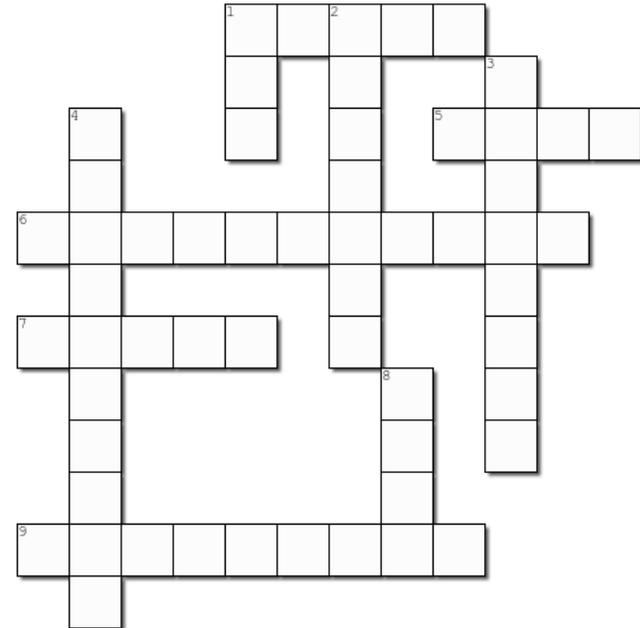
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⁹ I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us. ¹⁰ So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church.

¹¹ Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God. ¹² Demetrius is well spoken of by everyone—and even by the truth itself. We also speak well of him, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³ I have much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. ¹⁴ I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

Peace to you. The friends here send their greetings. Greet the friends there by name.



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Across

1. 'To my dear friend _____, whom I love in the truth'
5. 'It was for the sake of the _____ that they went out.'
6. 'We ought therefore to show _____ to such people so that we may work together for the truth.'
7. 'I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the _____.'
9. 'It gave me great joy when some believers came and _____ about your faithfulness to the truth.'

Down

1. 'Anyone who does what is good is from _____.'
2. 'Dear friend, do not _____ what is evil but what is good.'
3. 'Dear friend, you are _____ in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters.'
4. 'I wrote to the church, but _____, who loves to be first, will not welcome us.'
8. 'They have told the church about your _____.'

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Can you find and circle these words in today's Scripture?

PRAY

HEALTH

SOUL

JOY

BELIEVERS

FAITHFULNESS

TRUTH

FRIEND

CHURCH

GOD

NAME

PAGANS

HOSPITALITY

NONSENSE

WELCOME

IMITATE

GOOD

TESTIMONY

INK

PEACE

THE AUTHOR
"THE ELDER" → **THE DISCIPLE JESUS LOVED**
(SEE 2 & 3 JOHN) (SEE 1 JOHN 2:1-24)

THE CRISIS
 • A GROUP LEFT THE CHURCH & DENIED JESUS AS MESSIAH & SON OF GOD (SEE 1 JOHN 2:18-23, 4:1-3)
 • THEY'VE GENERATED HOSTILITY (1 JOHN 3:9-10)
 • JOHN WROTE THESE FOR DAMAGE CONTROL & TO ASSURE THE CHURCHES.

THE LETTERS OF 1-2-3 JOHN

1 JOHN
 THE UNIQUENESS OF
 • NOT A LETTER, BUT A POETIC SERMON
 • ALL THE KEY IDEAS COME FROM JESUS' FINAL SPEECH IN JOHN chs.13-17

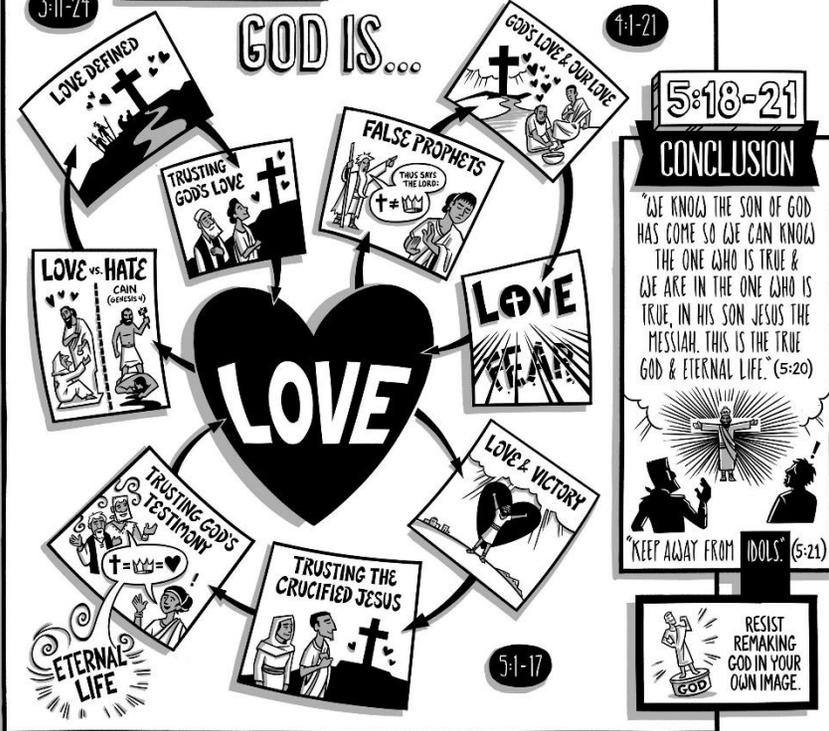
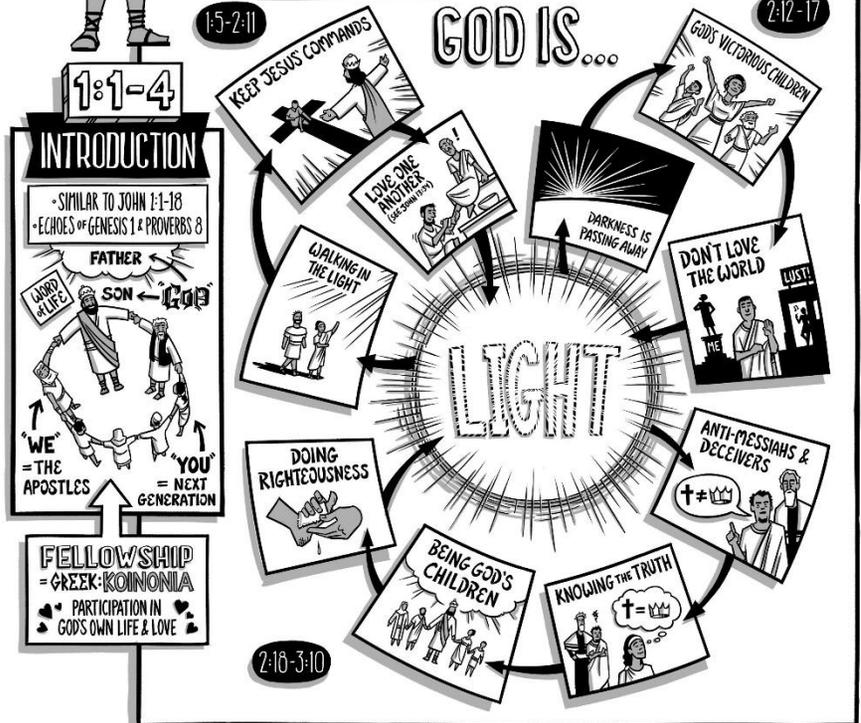
~~NOT LINEAR~~
 1 and 2, THEREFORE, 3 but not 4, THUS, 5...

"AMPLIFICATION"
 LIFE LOVE TRUTH
 • CYCLICAL REPETITION
 • HYPERBOLE
 • STARK CONTRASTS

KNOWING JESUS = KNOWING THE GOD OF LOVE

1:5-3:10 THIS IS THE MESSAGE...

3:11-5:17 THIS IS THE MESSAGE...



2 JOHN

DEAR CHURCH, IF THE 'DECEIVERS' COME TO YOUR CHURCH...
 ...DON'T OFFER THEM SUPPORT.

3 JOHN

DEAR GAUUS, WELCOME THE BROTHERS...
 ...DON'T BE LIKE DIOTREPHES.