

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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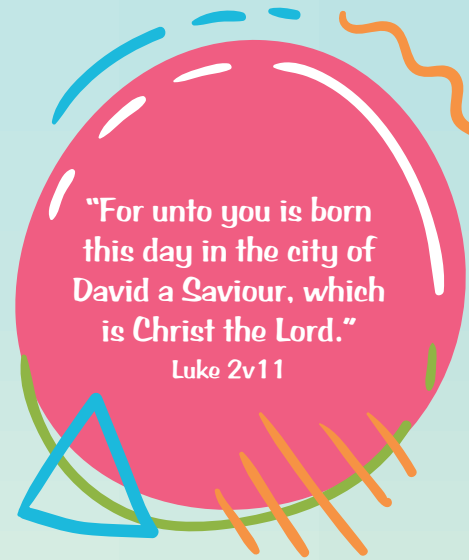
CITIES

A city is simply a large permanent settlement where people work and live together. Some cities are so vast that they are home to many millions of people. With over 30 million inhabitants, the city with the largest population in the world today is Chongqing in China. In fact, 37 of the top 100 largest cities world wide are found in China. Some cities such as London, New York and Tokyo are also huge centres of finance. Others like Florence and Paris are better known for their arts and culture. There are also many ancient cities that lie forgotten in ruins. However, some of the oldest cities in the world that are still inhabited, even after thousands of years, include Damascus, Jericho and Athens.

Away back in Genesis Ch. 10, Babel is among the first cities ever to be mentioned in God's Word. It was built by wicked men with sinful ambitions. The last city in the Bible is found in the book of Revelations. It is the heavenly city of

God, built by Him for all those who have put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. That "great city" is made of pure gold, garnished with all manner of precious stones and none that defileth will ever enter in. Now, between these two cities, many other cities are also mentioned throughout the Scriptures, cities like Sodom, Gomorrah, Jericho, Babylon and Nineveh. Such places were full of all manner of sin and wickedness. Many of these cities were utterly destroyed by God, because, despite His warnings, their inhabitants would not turn away from that which was evil, all that is, except Nineveh. The people of Nineveh, having heard Jonah preach, repented from their sin and were granted mercy and forgiveness from God.

However, an even greater measure of mercy was later shown towards the people of another city, indeed onto all men everywhere because in Luke 2:11 we read, "For unto you is born this day in the



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2v11

city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The outworking of God's plan of salvation was, in due course, going to take place just outside the walls of another great city, Jerusalem, where the dear Son of God would suffer, bleed and die for our sins on the cross of Calvary.

Boys and girls, there have been many great cities down through the ages, but there is only one great Saviour. Can I ask if you, as yet, have had any personal experience of His wonderful mercy and forgiveness in your life? Are you saved today?



Our quiz in this issue is all about various cities in the Bible...

1. IDENTIFY THE CITIES.
2. TAKE ALL THE LETTERS ASKED FOR AND RESHUFFLE THEM
3. COME UP WITH THE NAME OF THE GREEK CITY THAT PAUL VISITED AFTER HE HAD BEEN AT ATHENS

- This is the other name for the city of David - Luke 2: 4 (3rd and 7th letters)
- Philip preached in this city - Acts 8:5 (5th letter)
- Lydia came from this city - Acts 16: 14 (7th letter)
- Zacchaeus lived in this city - Luke 19: 1-2 (5th and 7th letters)
- Nahum had a burden for this city - Nahum 1:1 (1st letter)

Answer:

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Name:

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Church:

PRIZES!

Are you 12 or under? Send your answer, name, address and church to:

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(Gilford) | » Joe Mellroy
(Moneyslane) |
| » Jemimah Anderson
(Mullaghglass) | » Faith McFarland
(Omagh) |
| » Rebekah Forbes
(Portadown) | » Adam Watt
(Dungannon) |
| » Kylie McKeown
(Aughnacloy) | » Bethany Hanna
(Ballymena) |



EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T WIN THIS TIME, PLEASE KEEP TRYING - MAYBE NEXT TIME!