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PLEASE PASS THE SALT

Somehow he was left out! Everyone at the table had a lovely bowl of soup, but Hudson's bowl was empty! In that day children were not allowed to speak at the table. He must sit up straight and eat politely. That's all. No one paid him any attention. What could he do? At last he remembered that he was allowed to ask for the salt.

Clearing his throat he quietly spoke, "Could somebody pass the salt?"* His mother looked at him, then noticed his empty bowl and fairly flew to the kitchen to bring his soup! Hudson was saved by the salt!

When Hudson Taylor grew up, he became indeed "the salt of the earth," as Jesus said. He carried Bibles and the Gospel to China, where people had not heard of Jesus or His Word. Since then, countless Chinese people have been saved as a result of his ministry.

Salt saved the day for young Hudson Taylor, and salt is still very important. In fact, it is an essential mineral for humans and animals. We add salt to food for taste and zest. Ranchers put out salt blocks for their cattle. There are salt licks in the woods for deer and other wildlife. It seems every living thing needs salt, but where can they get so much salt? No surprise! The God who created every living thing also provides for their every need. God put salt where we would never expect it—in salt mines underground, in shallow salt marshes, in lakes, in some rivers, and the ocean is about three per cent salt. People harvest salt from all of these places.

Another very salty place is the Dead Sea between Israel and Jordan. It is almost 34% salt—about ten times saltier than the ocean! If you go swimming there you won't need a life jacket or water wings. The salt will hold you up and you will simply float!

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SEARCH FOR IT!

Find and circle Elisha's name and the other Bible names in the puzzle below. Look up, down, forward and diagonally.

B	U	E	S	T	H	E	R	T	P	H	R	Y
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I	G	L	A	R	H	E	J	I	R	M	X	N
J	P	X	O	A	U	A	V	E	S	O	I	I
S	K	N	I	M	R	B	V	W	K	H	Q	C
B	N	A	F	N	O	O	B	D	Q	K	A	L
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NEHEMIAH

ESTHER

ELISHA

EZRA

JOB

ISAIAH

SOLOMON

PROVERBS

PSALMS

CHRONICLES

KINGS

EZEKIEL



KIDZ KRITTERZ

Meet “Stella,”
a new CBC
K-9 in Florida,
with her best
buddy, Luke.



Here is a new
picture of
“Mavis,” our
CBC K-9 in
Pennsylvania.

(*PASSTHESALT*) Our God is wonderful! He supplies salt for us and all we need! *Blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee (Nehemiah 9:6).*

{Watch the next issue for an amazing salty place near Aunt Carolyn's childhood home.}

**"Could Somebody Pass the Salt?" by Catherine Mackenzie, © 2005, Christian Focus Publications, Scotland, U.K. ISBN:978-1-84550-111-2

Can you memorize this verse
and say it for your
parents or teachers?



(Be sure to take your vitamins and say your Vita-Verse every day!)

ELISHA'S SALT

(II Kings 2:19-22)

Kids love sugar in candy, desserts, and even as in “a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine goes down.” Salt does not get much attention, but what would we do without it? It flavors and preserves food. It de-ices highways in the winter, purifies city water systems, and makes PVC and other plastics. And if you run out of toothpaste, try a little salt and baking soda to brush your chompers! In Bible times, salt was important in worship. God's people seasoned every meal (grain) offering with salt. As a preservative, it spoke of God's everlasting faithfulness to His people and of their undying trust in Him. It was “a covenant of salt (Lev. 2:13).”

After the whirlwind took Elijah to heaven, the young prophets followed their new leader, Elisha, because they saw him part the Jordan River and cross over on dry land. The town where they lived was nice, but they had a serious complaint. The water was bad—very bad, *(Ewww! Spit it out!)* and the ground would not grow food. Elisha had parted the Jordan River. Could he help them?

“Elisha, please help!” Elisha said, “Bring me a new pot and put salt in it.” He went to the water spring and threw in the salt. Instantly, the water was purified and made sweet. Oh, how happy the prophets were! Then Elisha gave them a message from God: “Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.” God said “**I** have healed the waters.” He allowed Elisha to use the salt so men could see his faith and obedience, but it was the Lord Himself that cured the spring. So it is with us. We are thankful for doctors, medicine, and other helps, but it is actually the Lord who seals our cuts, mends our bones, and cures our fevers and diseases. We must depend on Him for our help and then give Him the praise when He makes us well!