

# Virtual Sunday School Lesson

## *Authority of Christ (Mark 1:21-28)*



### **Bible Verses (NIV):**

#### **Mark 1: 21-28**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

### **Activity: Living By the Rules**

**Theme:** Jesus taught with authority.

**Supplies:** A game, complete with a copy of the rules, with which the children are familiar. (I used Skip-Bo, but feel free to change it to any game you wish.)

### **Lesson**

Do you enjoy playing games? I do. I especially enjoy getting together with a group of family or friends and playing games. One of the games I enjoy is called Skip-Bo. Have any of you ever played Skip-Bo? It is very easy to play, but like most games, before you play, you must read the rules so that you will know how to play the game.

Who makes up the rules for a game? The person who makes up the game makes the rules, don't they? The one who created the game, makes rules for the enjoyment of all who play the game. If someone doesn't follow those rules, it takes away from the enjoyment of the game. Have you ever played a game with someone who won't follow the rules? Do you always follow the rules?

There are rules that we must follow in life too. Look, I have the rulebook right here. The Bible is the rulebook we must follow in life. Who wrote the rules? God did. God created life and He wrote the rules. Just as the creator of a game makes rules to ensure the enjoyment of all who play his game, God wrote these rules so that all who live life might enjoy it the way he intended for them to enjoy it.

One day Jesus went into the synagogue and started teaching. The Bible tells us that the people who heard him were amazed at his teaching. He didn't sound like their regular teachers. He didn't sound like someone who knew about the rules, he sounded like someone who had written the rules. Well, guess what? He did write the rules! Jesus was God -- in human form -- who came to earth to teach us how to live.

God made the rules and He showed us how to follow the rules. Now He wants us to follow the rules so that we will enjoy life the way He intended it to be.

### **Closing Prayer:**

Dear Father, you have taught us how to live. Help us to follow the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Thanks to [www.sermons4kids.com](http://www.sermons4kids.com)

## Video: PGK; How to Start with God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vp5SaMIYHhc>

PursueGod Kids: Part 1 of the Pursue God Kids Foundations 2015 sessions about the 3 rules to following God.

Duration: 3:39

## Video; CKC: God Loves Everyone

<https://youtu.be/C8ypfOwR6A0>

Crossroads Kids Club: Several examples of Jesus showing his love.

Duration: 3:43

## Craft: Jesus Loves Children (Preschool)

*Supplies: Large blue paper plates, crayons/markers, scissors, glue*

Directions: Print off a set of "Jesus Loves Children" pages for each child to color. Cut pieces out, Glue the land masses to the plate, then the cross, and finally the children. While the children are working on their craft, reinforce that Jesus has authority over all the earth, including us, and he loves all his children.

Thanks to [www.craftingthewordofgod.com](http://www.craftingthewordofgod.com)



## Craft: Jesus , I am

*Supplies: "Jesus I Am" pages, Crayons/markers, scissors, brass paper holders*

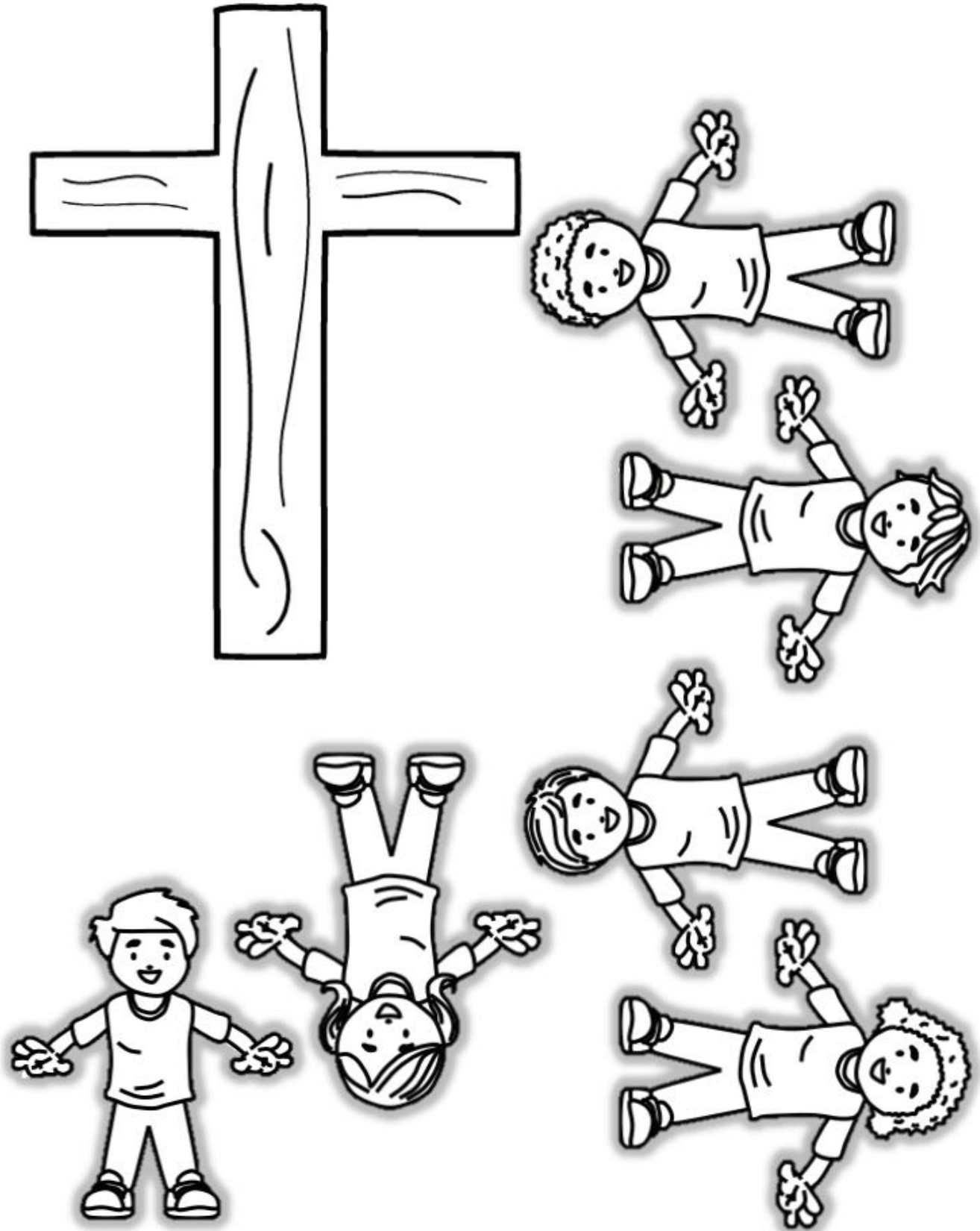
Directions: Print off a set of "Jesus I am" pages on cardstock for each child. Color just the first page, cut out both pages. Position both wheels one on top of the other and poke a small hole in the middle. Put brass paper holder through, so wheel will turn.

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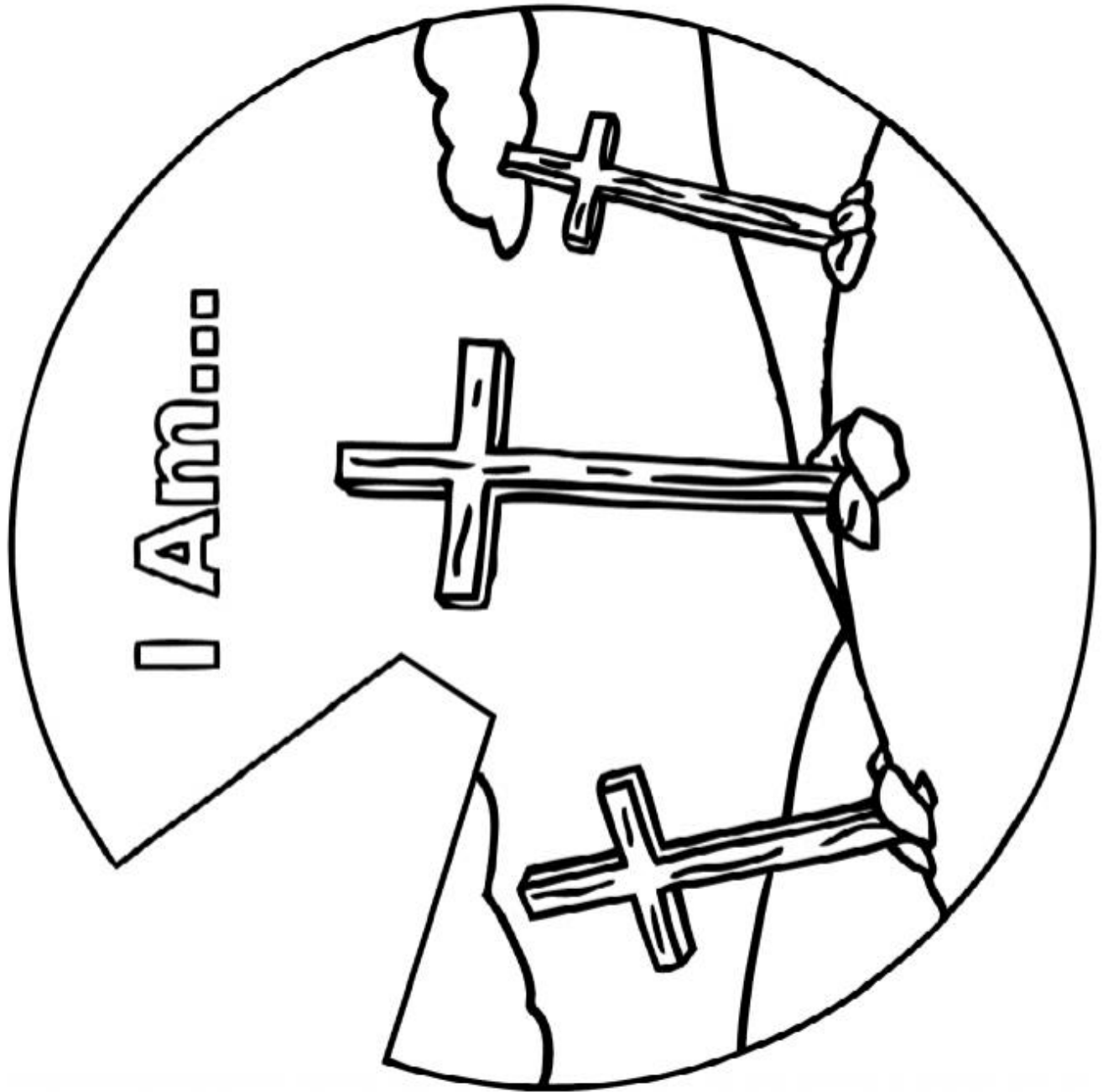
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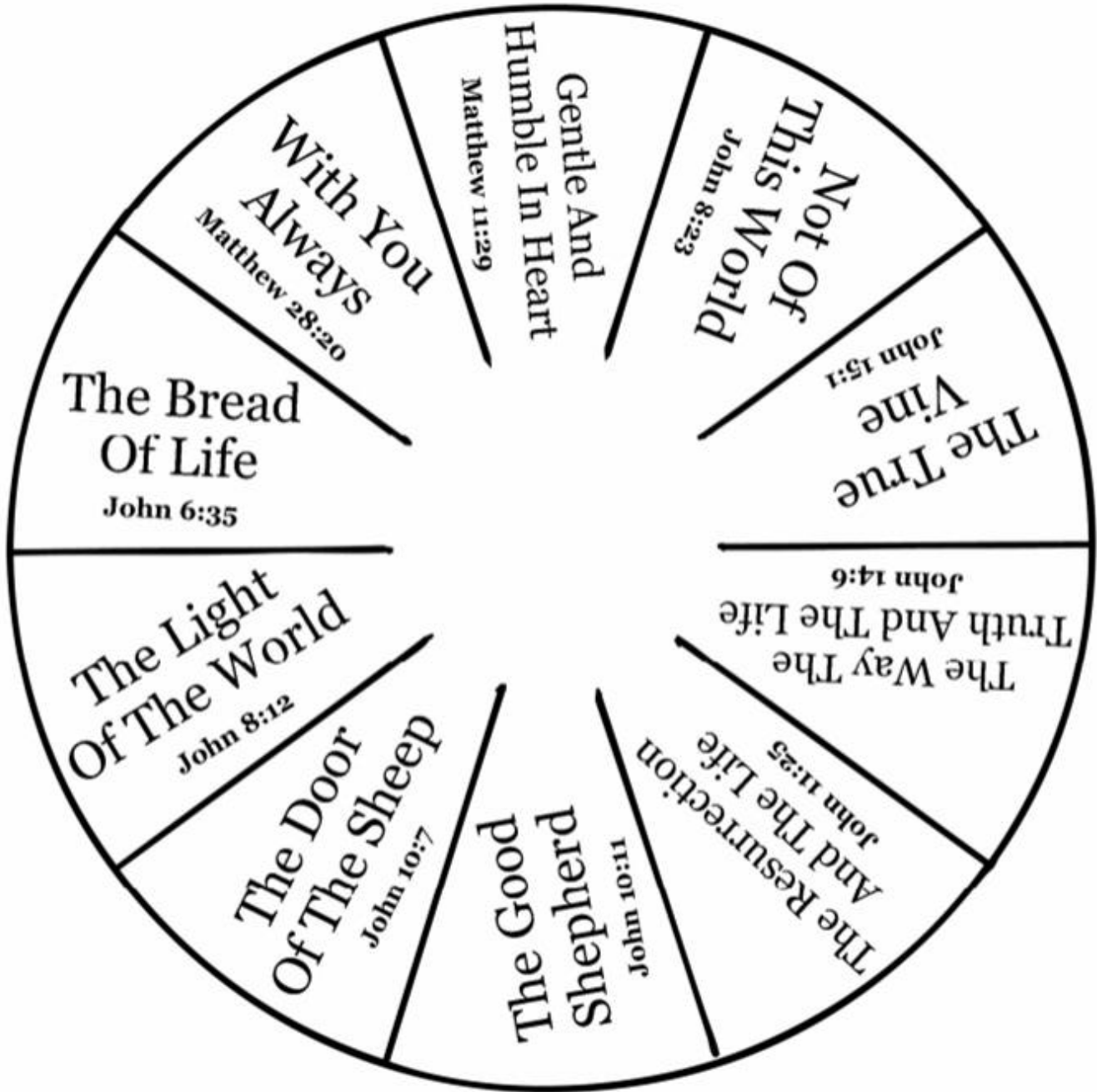
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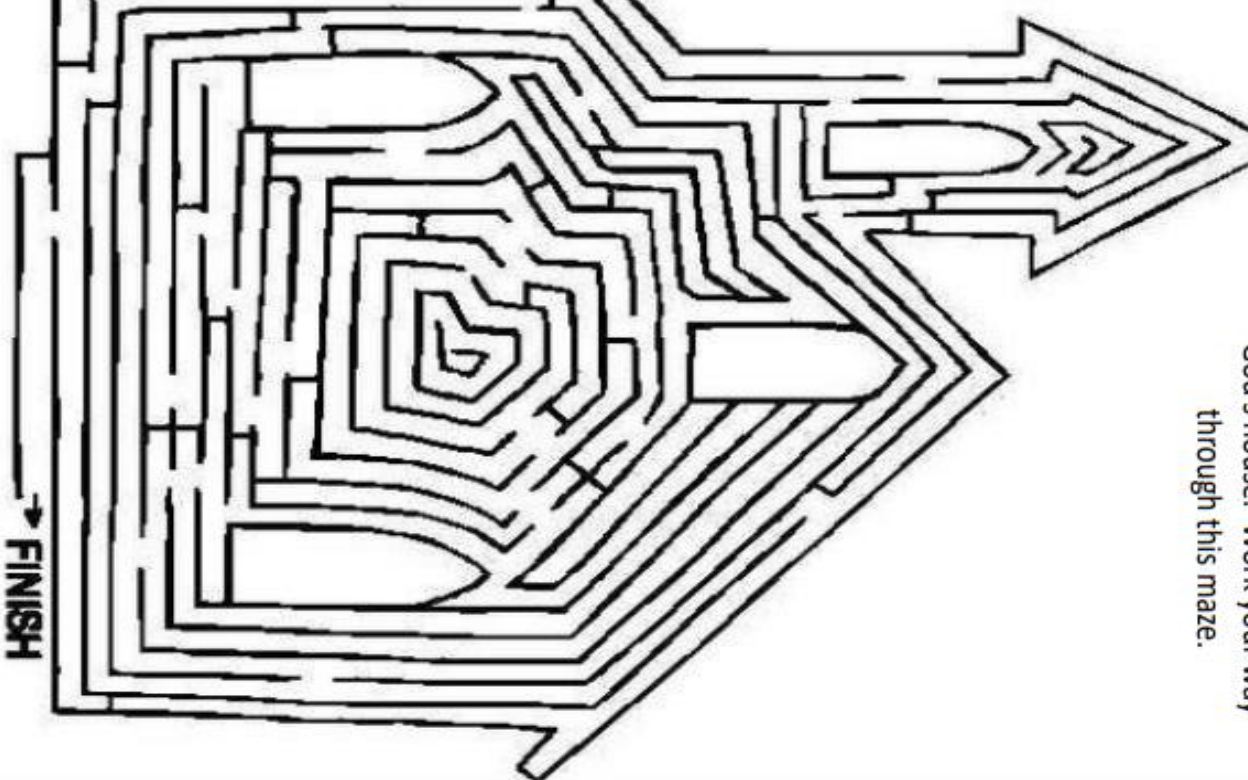
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Jesus would teach in the local synagogue.

**START** Synagogue is another name for God's house. Work your way through this maze.



## Jesus casts out demon

Unscramble each of the clue words. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

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