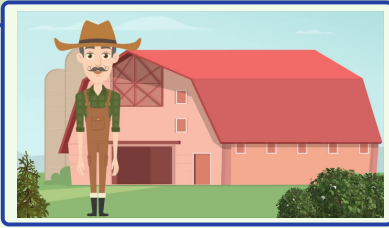


God's Pasture is Green!



Homer sure has his hands full keeping Maybell from going astray. He puts up fences to set boundaries, but Maybell always seems to find that weak spot in the fence. Before you know it she's out of bounds and needs rescued.

God gives us a fence too. It is His Word. Some people test the boundary of His Word to see how close they can get to the world without sinning and still be in the Kingdom. Unfortunately, the enemy is lurking on the other side waiting to ensnare us. We then, like lost sheep, have to be rescued by our loving gracious Shepherd, Adonai.

God's plan is not to keep rescuing us over and over, but that we live in obedience to Him. Not because He's a mean Father and wants to suck all our "fun" away, but because he wants the very best for us. Fences are necessary to show us our boundaries, but not getting too close to the fence in the first place is a matter of the heart. An uncompromising and undivided heart is what's needed.

Psalm 86:11

Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

Thoughts

God has set us as a watchmen on the wall to guard our children. It's easy to focus on the physical walls, but we must stay alert and keep watch over their Spiritual walls as well.

Prayer Focus

Dear Yeshua,
Thank you for giving us an undivided heart and eyes that only see you!
Make your desires our own that we may serve you faithfully with one heart and one mind. You are our Good Shepherd who makes us lie down in green pastures beside still waters. Giver of all good things, you restore us through Yeshua our Messiah and we say thank you!
You are a good, good Father and we love you! You are awesome and we will forever praise you!
Amen!

Talk this week about the wonderful life God has designed for us. A life of not lying, cheating, hatred. A life of peace, truth, love, forgiveness, honor. Look in the Bible for other "fences" God has for us. Remember, the fences are because He loves us & wants the best for us!

Homer says, "Don't be like Maybell"

Answer the questions below by filling in the blanks in the puzzle. You might want to help each other on this.

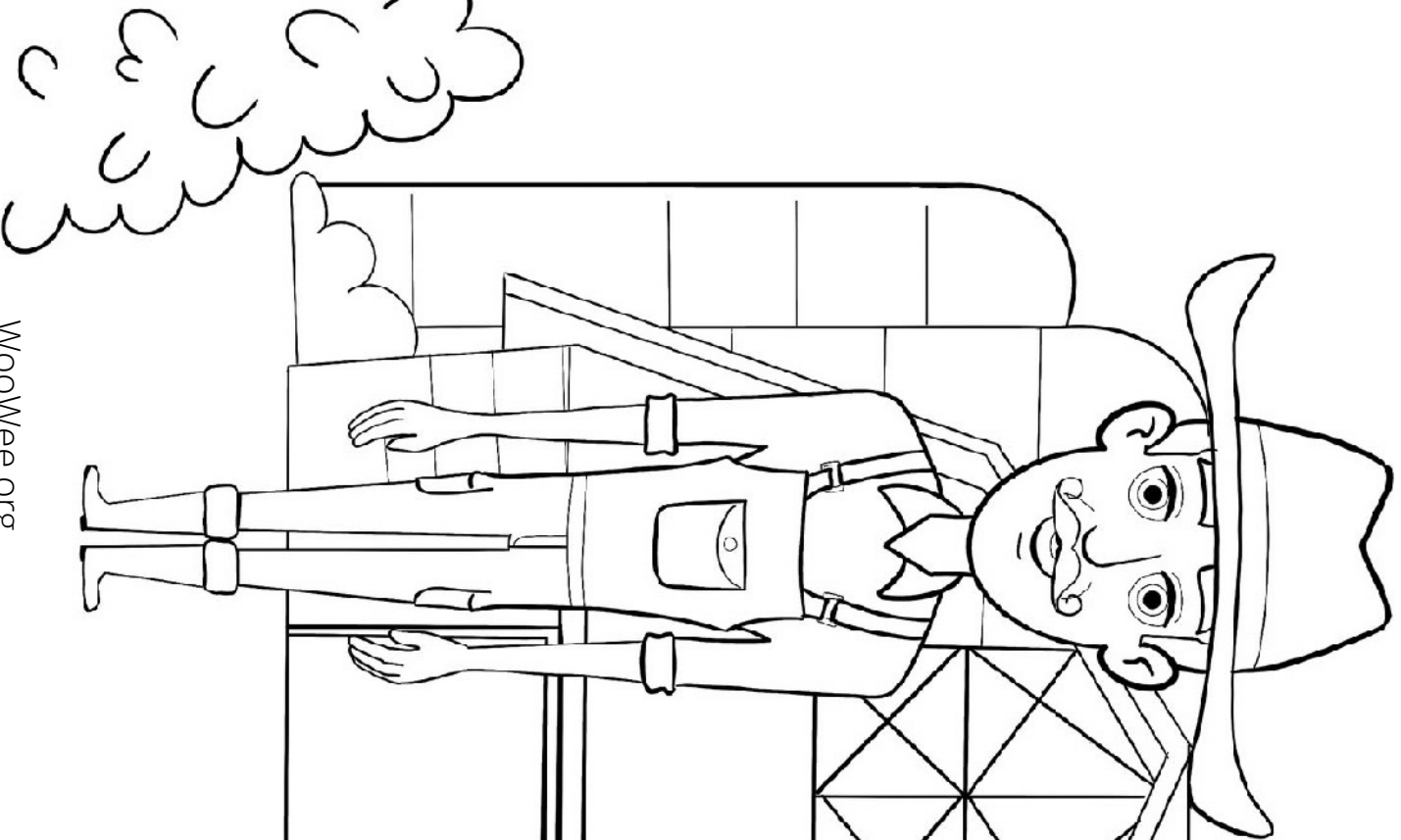


ACROSS

- 2a - We must be a ____ of God's word and Not a hearer only. See James 1:22
- 4a - The world is never content. It is always _____ because "Things" and money can't satisfy.
- 5 - Homer said, "The world ain't got nothin' to offer only pain and _____ and a lot of heart ache." You'll never regret living for the Lord!
- 7 - Because of sin we are _____ from God. Yeshua died on the cross so that we can be ONE with the Father and have a personal friendship.
- 8 - Some folks try to "straddle the fence" with a ___ on both sides. One foot in the world and one in the Kingdom. They want God, but are afraid to let go of the world. When we love God with all of our heart (Deut. 6:5) we receive His fullness and all that He has for us

DOWN

- 1 - Homer said, "The only _____ you need to be in is the Good Lord's." Hint: where the Lord makes us lie down. Psalm 23
- 2d - When you finish something you are also _____. God never gives up on us! He is faithful to complete the good work He has begun in us!
- 3 - A Gardner _____ his garden every day because the plants are always in need. What a blessing that Yeshua satisfies all of our longings and desires. See John 4:14
- 4d - Maybell knows to obey, but she still keeps _____ anyway.
- 6 - The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not _____. Ps. 23 He is our provider! In Him we have rest and peace and we are restored.



Psalm 23, The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down
in green pastures;

He leads me beside
the still waters.

He restores my soul;



Let's give Homer a hand and help get Maybell back in her pasture. On which side of the fence should Maybell be? **Draw** a picture of a cow in the good pasture. Could you help and **color** the grass green & the water blue?

