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Make your own Scytale! A how to

In previous issues, I have talked about codes. For example, I wrote an article on Caesar’s Code in Issue 2. The Scytale isn’t exactly a code, though. You could actually say it’s a tool to code or decode a certain type of transpositional cypher.

The Scytale was invented by the Ancient Greeks, specifically the Spartans, and used during military campaigns. During that time, messengers were sometimes attacked by the enemy, which would be hoping to learn the other army’s plans. Because of this, the Spartans invented the Scytale so that, if their messenger was attacked, their plans wouldn’t be learned.

How the Scytale works is that both the encrypter and the receiver of the message have a rod the same size. The encrypter wraps a strip of paper around his/her rod, then writes a message on it. Next, the encrypter unwraps the strip from the rod. If someone read the strip without it wrapped around a rod the same size as the encrypter, it reads as random gibberish. Here’s an example:

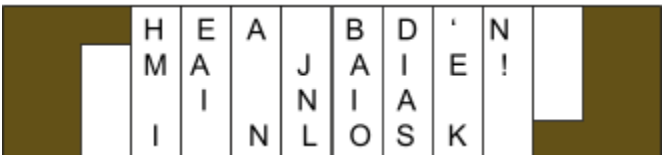


As you can see, the image to the left resembles a strip of paper wrapped around a rod. While wrapped around the rod, it reads “HI I’M JOE AND I LIKE



BANANAS!” However if you read the strip without the rod (shown on the image to the right), it reads “HM IEAI A NJNLBAIODIAS’ KN!” Obviously, that means nothing. If the message is intercepted, it will probably be very confusing for the interceptor. And even if they knew it was to be decoded with a Scytale, they would need a rod the exact same size to decode. The image below is what the message would look

like with a skinnier rod: “HEA
BD’NMA JAIE! I NIA I NLOSK” What
in the world? Is it saying



something like: "Hey Biden My Jay! I Need I No Lost?" Ummmmmm...

Anyway, now you can see how useful the Scytale is in the world of codes. So, I suppose I could teach you how to make one so you can pass secret messages between you and your friends about booby trapping your little sibling's room without your parents knowing! Wait a second, that's kinda evil. I take that back, it's really evil. So don't do it. Still, you don't have to do evil things with the Scytale. Maybe you could talk about throwing a huge surprise party for your little sibling (to apologize for booby trapping their room [if you did, even though I told you not to]). So, here's how to make and communicate with a Scytale:



1: Find two (or more) rods with an identical diameter (width). They can be paper towel rolls, PVC pipes, wooden rods, or anything else that works. Just make sure they have an identical diameter and are $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 foot long.

2: Cut a piece of paper (preferably white and 8.5×11 inches) along the long edge into strips $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 inch wide.



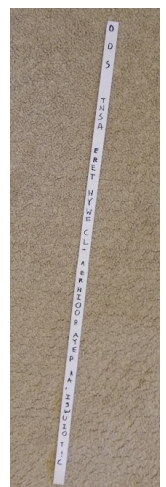
3: Wrap a strip of paper around your rod. Tape together multiple strips to be able to write a longer message.



4: Write a message to your friends! Then unwrap it from your Scytale. You have made your coded message now!



5: Give the message to one of your friends, along with the other Scytale and a few strips of paper so you can communicate! If you have any other rods, give them to your other friends. Then you can start a secret club!



So, now that you know what a Scytale is, the history of the Scytale, how it works, how useful it is, and how to make it, maybe you can pass secret messages between you and your friends (Without me knowing, of course)!

Now go out there, get creative, and most importantly, don't plan about booby trapping your little sibling's room (normally I would say have fun, but that's not as important)!

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Advice Column

#	Question	Answer
1:	What will the Pastor's Child be doing during the next school year? Will everything be the same? - Anonymous	The Pastor's Child Magazine will be writing issues every other week, and there will be no Special Editions for the upcoming school year. Besides that, everything will be the same. We are hoping that we will be able to continue as long as possible.
2:	How do I submit something for a competition? - Awesome PC Reader	To submit something, we would prefer if you emailed us at our email below, but if you would like to you can always use our submission form at https://forms.gle/XXDHUjBow2dkueRH7 .

Any questions you need advice on? Email them to us at thepastorschild@gmail.com.

The Footnote Comics: Explained

Reading through the past two magazine issues, you may have noticed minions at the bottom of each page. These minions are part of a comic series that the Pastor's Child Magazine has created, and will hopefully be in all magazine issues except for Special Editions. Below are descriptions of the minion characters that we have so far to help you as you read through the comics.

Robot Minion:

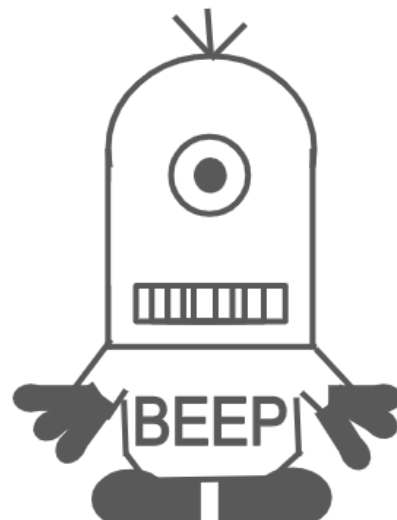
Name: MINION 25516

Ethnicity: One Eyed

Perfect at: Beeping, electric projects, and fasts

Hobbies: Fixing things, saying 'BEEP', and playing with (small) animals.

Robot Minion has one eye, metallic hair, and a metallic body. His favorite (and only) word is BEEP.



Blobby:

Name: Blobby

Ethnicity: One Eyed

Perfect at: Slime contests, napping competitions, and stealing bananas.

Hobbies: Sleeping and eating

Blobby has one eye, short hair, and is very fat. He's never sad.



Cool Minion

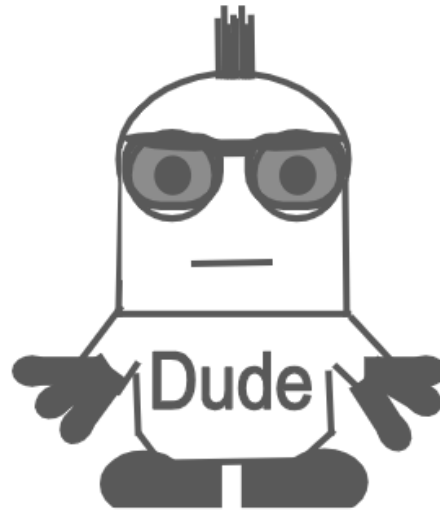
Name: Peter Dude

Ethnicity: Two Eyed

Perfect at: Breakdancing, all sports, and feeding animals homework.

Hobbies: Breakdancing and playing sports

Cool Minion has two eyes, a mohawk, and awesome sunglasses. He is always in the mood for being cool.



Disco Minion

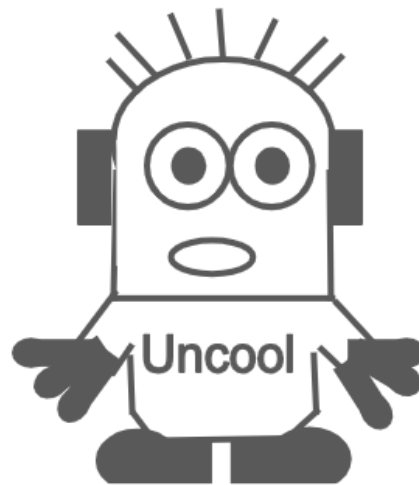
Name: Dave Jrum

Ethnicity: Two Eyed

Perfect at: Composing, being helpful, and jamming to awesome beats.

Hobbies: DJing and listening to loud music

Disco Minion has two eyes, spiky hair, and a nice pair of headphones. He is always ready to turn up some loud music.



Rockstar Minion

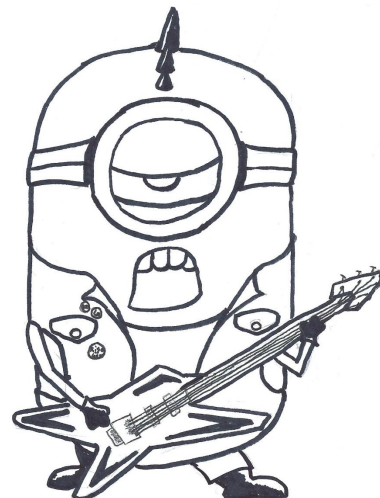
Name: Clay Sun

Ethnicity: One Eyed

Perfect at: Rockstaring and minioning.

Hobbies: Throwing rocks and looking at stars.

As his name suggests, Rockstar Minion believes that rocks are actually stars that fell from heaven. He thinks they are alive and uses his guitar to sing for them.



PC Minion

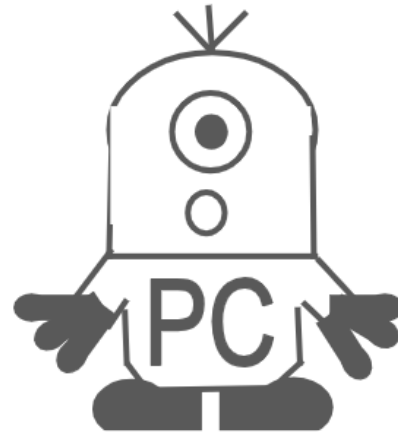
Name: Unknown

Ethnicity: One eyed

Perfect at: Advertising, being helpful, and schoolwork (though not as good as Nerdy Minion).

Hobbies: Writing, helping out in the community

PC Minion has one eye, 3 strands of hair, and an awesome personality. He is always able to bring a bit of happiness to those around him.



Nerdy Minion

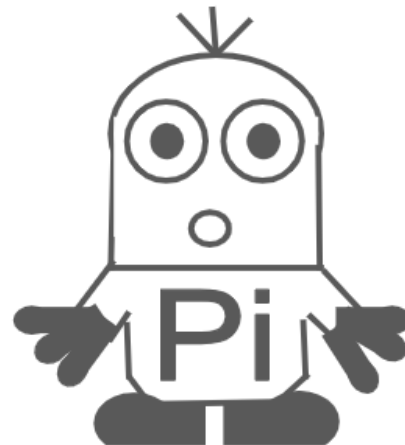
Name: Albert Jr. Einstein.

Ethnicity: Two eyed

Perfect at: Calculating, being smart, and inventing.

Hobbies: Reading large textbooks, calculating challenging problems, inventing

Nerdy Minion has two eyes, 3 strands of hair, and a calculating mind. He is always able to bombard those around him with facts.



DD

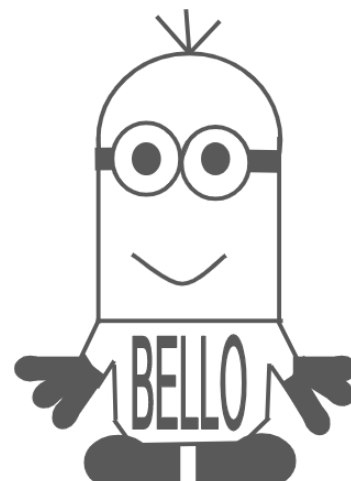
Name: Screen-O

Ethnicity: Two eyed

Hobbies: Watching TV, playing Video Games, and programming on a computer.

Favorite Hobby: Dancing with Dogs

DD has two eyes, 3 strands of hair, and a weird smile. He always brings a bit of awkwardness and a laugh to those around him.



Exclusive Interview with Mr. Caleb Morrell

Mr. Caleb: Pastor's Kid, Pastoral Assistant, Dad! Here's Mr. Caleb's awesome interview. Read on!

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Reporter: Hi Mr. Caleb, and thanks for being interviewed for the Pastor's Child Magazine, and being the fourth adult to be interviewed, and being interviewed for the August Special Edition.

Mr. Caleb: Happy to be here, and happy to be a Pastor's Child!

Reporter: So, usually we give people three questions. Our first question for you today is:

What was it like being in Sweden as a missionary kid?

Mr. Caleb: I really liked living in Sweden. I liked meeting new people, I liked trying new things, I liked playing soccer, I liked -

Cameraman: Was the candy good?

Mr. Caleb: The candy was amazing. If you've ever been to IKEA, there's a candy wall at the checkout, and they have the best fruit gummies ever. And if you order a personalized pizza in Sweden, it's like this big (Mr. Caleb motions with his arms showing a pizza about 2 ft across!), and you get it all to yourself. So, there were a lot of blessings about growing up as a missionary kid. But it was definitely hard moving to another culture, learning another language. But I was

thankful for my parents and I'm happy I grew up there.

Reporter: What do you think are the biggest differences between Sweden and America?

Mr. Caleb: The biggest difference is the culture. Swedes are very moderate by disposition, which means that they don't like extremes. So they have a word called logom that means 'just right'. Everything should be just right in Sweden. Not too extreme, and not too small. So they're very moderate people compared to Americans in general. We like to have big things, fast things, tall things, efficient things. In Sweden they like things more moderate.

Reporter: So do they have something like Costco in Sweden?

Mr. Caleb: Absolutely not. They would be appalled by huge stores like that. In fact, when we would come back to the states on vacation from Sweden, we would be overwhelmed when we walked into a Walmart. It was almost too much.

Cameraman: Isn't IKEA big?

Mr. Caleb: That's true, but they make it feel small, if you've ever noticed.

Cameraman: There are so many small rooms.

Mr. Caleb: Yeah, there are so many small rooms, so it's not overwhelming.

Reporter: Our second question is:
What are some things that you have found while doing your history project that you think kids might be interested in?

Mr. Caleb: Wow, there's so many things. Let's start with the kids themselves. So the church was started in large part out of a Sunday School project in the 1860s because there were a lot of needy children in Washington, DC. There were a lot of kids who lived in alleys. They were called 'alley children'. And they didn't have schools so they would sell newspapers all day or work really really long hours. They're parents were often really poor and not religious. So there were DC Christians who wanted to help those children, and they wanted to share the Gospel with them. So that's how Sunday School started at the church. There's a lot of amazing testimonies about those kids who were being helped by the Sunday School.

Another story that kids would probably enjoy is that our 4th Pastor almost became President of the United States. His name was Green Clay Smith. He was a general who fought in the Mexican-American war and in the Civil War. He was from Kentucky. He raised the first cavalry in the Civil War from Kentucky. We have letters that he wrote to Lincoln asking to be general. During the war he was nominated to be Vice President at the Republican convention. It was between him and another guy named Andrew Johnson. When the Republicans gathered to vote, it was a tie vote. So the chair had to cast the winning vote. And he cast it for Andrew Johnson. So, when Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, Andrew Johnson became President. And we all know that Andrew Johnson was a terrible President, and was impeached and removed from office. So we can only wonder what would have happened if Green Clay Smith had been President. Anyway, after that he eventually

became a Pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Reporter: Our last question is:
What is the grossest experience that you've had as dad of Theodore?

Mr. Caleb: Well, one day, I turned aside from the table where Clair and I were having lunch, and Theodore walks in, and there is poop running down his leg. Of course I take him down to be washed off. When I go back to look at the Living Room where he was playing, the poop was everywhere. He had been trailing it around the Living Room. That was the grossest experience that I've had so far.

Reporter: What is the best experience that you've had as dad of Theodore?

Mr. Caleb: The best experience I've had is playing with him. When I come home from work, he looks at me and says 'da', and runs over to me and wants to be picked up. And that makes me so happy.

Reporter: Theodore is so cute.

Mr. Caleb: Yeah.

Reporter: So that was the last question for today. Thanks for being interviewed.

Mr. Caleb: Thanks for having me.

See the real interview at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZmnCTPW4pTCzByFG9>.

Reporter: CJ Dunlop, Editor in Chief of the Pastor's Child Magazine

Cameraman: Lucas Dunlop, Editor of the Pastor's Child Magazine

Cool Facts

The awesome cool facts of the month: DC!

There is no 'J' street in DC.

The DC Metro is the second busiest subway system in the US, right behind New York City.

Seattle gets less rain per year than DC.

Franciscan monks built a series of catacombs under the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America in DC because they couldn't afford to see the catacombs in Europe.

In 1999, vandals were suspected of chopping down 4 DC cherry trees. It turns out that it was just a pair of beavers.

Union Station in DC is the second busiest Amtrak station in the entire United States.

DC residents consume more wine per capita than anywhere else in the country.

The Capitol dome consists of 8,909,200 pounds of cast iron.

A sculpted head of Darth Vader is located on the northwest tower of the National Cathedral with the gargoyles.

There is a copy of the Constitution, a map of the city, a book of poems, a Bible, and daguerreotypes (an early type of photograph) of George Washington and his mother buried under the Washington Monument.

DC used to be covered by an ocean. You can still find fossils today.

East Capitol street was supposed to be a second National Mall.

The White House has 35 bathrooms.

Presidents Hoover and Adams both kept alligators as pets at the White House.

DC residents couldn't vote in the presidential election until 1961.

There are marble bathtubs in the Capitol building.

You can read the FBI interrogation manual at the Library of Congress.

There is a John Paul Jones memorial in DC. Read issue 12 to learn more about him.

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The Silent Drill Platoon

Last Wednesday, as I was biking down the National Mall, I noticed a group of about twenty young men running together. They were all wearing the same shirt: a black shirt with a white-ish-gray symbol that said 'United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon'. After turning around at the Lincoln Memorial, I passed this group of runners again by the Washington Monument, and began to wonder what the Silent Drill Platoon was. Was this some sort of protest, like I often see on the National Mall, or were these men part of a real U.S. Marine Corps platoon?

Once I got home, I decided to look up the Silent Drill Platoon on my computer. Sure enough, the Silent Drill Platoon is a real, famous platoon of Marines which consists of 24 young men. I even recognized one of the runners in a picture! The Silent Drill Platoon interested me, so it might interest you, too. Here is a brief article about it.



The Silent Drill Platoon is a rifle platoon of 24 marines in between the heights of 5' 11" and 6' 1". They are a specially trained group which is meant to exemplify the professionalism associated with the United States Marine Corps by performing a precision drill exhibition. The Silent Drill Platoon first performed in the Sunset Parades of 1948 and received such an overwhelming response that it became a regular part of

the parades at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C.

During their precision drill exhibitions, the Marines perform a series of precise drill movements and handling of their hand-polished, 10 ½ pound M1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets. Their exhibition always concludes with a rifle inspection consisting of elaborate rifle spins and tosses.



The Marines in the Silent Drill Platoon are individually selected from different Schools of Infantry located in Camp Pendleton, California and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina through interviews with Barracks personnel.

It is a great honor to be selected to the Silent Drill Platoon, and only two marines per year are selected to become rifle inspectors.



Once the Marines are selected, they undergo an eight-week course before joining the platoon at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. to serve for a two-year tour.

Beyond their ceremonial duties, the Marines of the Silent Drill Platoon train as infantrymen. They work on their skills at the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia throughout the year.

Experienced members of the Silent Drill Platoon have the option of trying out to become a rifle inspector. In order to become one of the two rifle inspectors for the next year, they must go through inspection tryouts and are graded by the previous year's rifle inspectors.

Once all of the members of the Silent Drill Platoon have been picked in the fall, the platoon goes through rigorous training at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. before going to the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Arizona. Here, they perfect their routine before beginning their tour around the continent at different Marine Corps installations. Throughout the year, the Silent Drill Platoon performs for hundreds of thousands of spectators at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. and at other events around the country and abroad. They have even performed at the HalfTime Show!



So, I guess those sweaty runners that I saw on Wednesday were actually much more than just sweaty runners. If you would like to see them, search online to see where they will be performing next!

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By CJ Dunlop, Editor in Chief of the Pastor's Child Magazine

Today's Country

Ukraine

FACTS:

Ukraine is a country in eastern Europe. It's capital and largest city is Kyiv. Ukraine borders Belarus to the North, Russia to the North and the East, Moldova and Romania to the South, and Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland to the West. Ukraine is the 8th most populated country in Europe, with about 41.4 million people.



HISTORY:

The area that is now Modern Ukraine has been inhabited for a *very* long time. During the Middle Ages, it was a key center of East Slavic culture. In the 13th century, it broke up into a few principalities. Following that and the Mongol Invasion, Ukraine was fought over, ruled, and divided by many powers, including Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, and the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Eventually, during the 18th century, Ukraine was split between Poland and the Russian Empire. After the Russian Revolution, there was a movement for Ukraine to be able to govern itself, and the Ukrainian People's Republic was internationally recognized on June 23, 1917. However, after WWII, Ukraine became part of the Soviet Union. In 1991, following the dissolution of the Soviet Union in the aftermath of the Cold War, Ukraine gained its independence.



CHRISTIANITY:

Ukraine has a long history of Christianity. In fact, Christianity began in the Slavic world in Kyiv about 1,000 years ago. Churches in Ukraine suffered greatly until Ukraine gained its independence (in 1991). During that time, millions of Christians died. Now, though, the churches there impact lots of society. According to a survey done in 2018, 71.7% of people said that they were Christians. However, most of those people (67.3% of the total population) were Orthodox and only 2.2% were Protestant.

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Verse of the Month: Romans 8:26

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

Book Recommendations

Need new books to read? Well, maybe check out these:

Recommended By Tiago:

1. The Cat Pack (series) By Phillis Reynolds Naylor
2. Story Thieves (series) By James Riley
3. Chi's Sweet Home (series) By Konami Kanata
4. Catstronauts (series) by Drew Brockington
5. Snoopy: First Beagle in Space "A peanuts collection"

Any other recommendations? Email them to thepastorschild@gmail.com.

Fun Activities

Monuments

W	E	C	R	Y	U	K	S	T	I	B	V	I
A	Z	E	S	J	E	N	W	H	D	T	W	N
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Word Bank:

Washington

Lincoln

Jefferson

Roosevelt

Vietnam

Titanic

Cuban

Taft

Peace

Infantry

Milestone

Buchanan

More Monuments/Statues!

Word Scramble

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VCHKNEOESH
ADEEM
SUBOLMUC
REWTSBE
ZERJAU
CHAMBERUAO

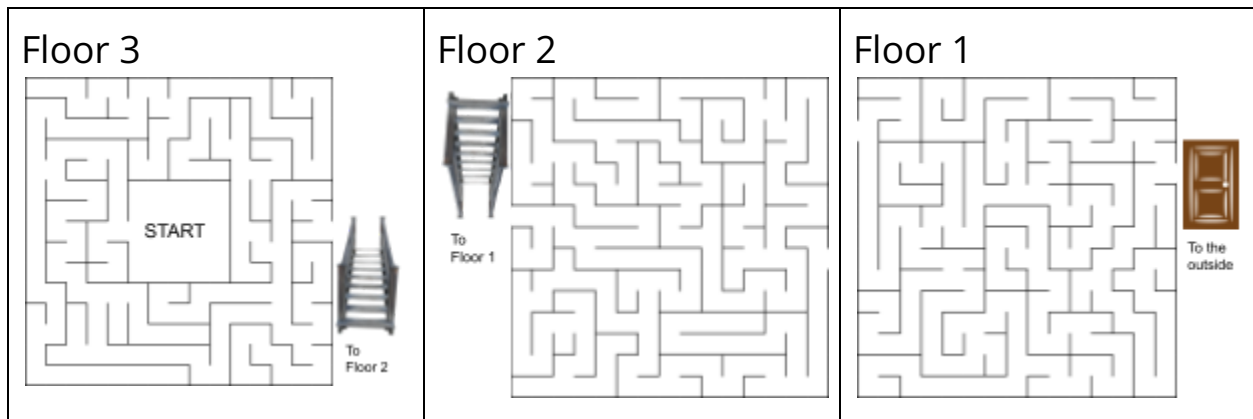
GLOAN
OKZSOCKIUS
RADGINTONL
OSARADGUCT
NDENEKY
SURNES
DEAFNOCERET

Word Bank:

Shevchenko
Webster
Sherman
Rochambeau
Columbus
Kosciuszko
Meade

Confederate
Logan
Juarez
Coast Guard
Nurses
Darlington
Kennedy

Escape the Washington Monument!



No answers will be given...

Flag... Facts!

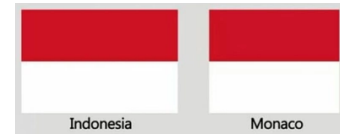
Here are some interesting facts about flags!



1. The Union Jack (the United Kingdom's flag) is the flag that's hung upside-down the most!



2. Indonesia and Monaco have the same flag, just different sizes!



3. There have been 27 different versions of the American Flag.

4. It was only after Liechtenstein and Haiti met at the 1936 Olympics that people noticed they had the *exact* same flag! The flags had two stripes with blue on the top and red on the bottom.



5. No country has pink on its flag. The only country with purple on its flag is Dominica.

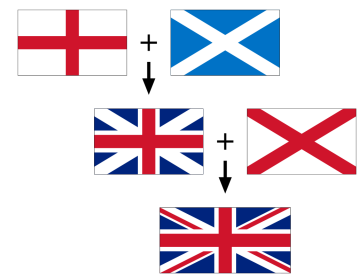
6. Libya's flag used to be *all* green.



7. Chad and Romania almost have the same flag, except



that Romania has a *slightly* lighter shade of blue. Even vexillologists (flag scholars) have trouble telling the difference!



8. The Union Jack is a combination of the old flags of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Poor Wales!

9. Nepal has the only flag that is not a rectangle or a square.



10. There is an AK-47 on Mozambique's flag.



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This is the August Special Edition. Issue 20 coming out in two Sundays.

We would love to have some help. If you would like to help, contact us at church or email thepastorschild@gmail.com. Thank you for reading this edition. We hope you enjoyed this fourth special edition. As

always, if you have any feedback, please go to

<https://forms.gle/FhXhKxUoDjdU18Gq7>. We hope we can give you the best experience possible.

Remember: Church at 10:30 AM in the church building (525 A St NE).

Prayer Service on Zoom or at church at 5:00 pm.

Thanks for reading!

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