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NOW & LATER



A SONG IN MY HEART



MISSIONS, MELODIES, AND A MOTORCYCLE

Land: LESOTHO, AFRICA

Square: CRANBERRY RED

Candy: FUDGE



Hello, everyone! Our journey around the game board has taken us to meet some wonderful young people, hasn't it? We have turned a corner and are back in Africa. Someone is playing the piano... and singing! Who, oh, who could it be? Let's go past this fudge-covered hut and find out.



(To the tune of "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning")
"Le khanye, le eme qhooeng, le bonisitse tsela..."
Hello, Louie. Good to see you. My sister and I just got back from helping the young people clean the church. We sang for a while afterwards. This song is a favorite.

Louie: It's lovely! What does it mean?

Fudge: Kea leboha (*Kee-ah lay-bō-hah—thank you*). The chorus says we are to “shine standing on a hill and show the way, so that some lost person may see and live.” It means we should live in a way that points others to Jesus.

Louie: I like it! So tell me about yourself. What makes you...you?

Fudge: Well, my name is Kaitlyn Gault, I'm seventeen, and I live in Lesotho (*Lə-SOO-too*), Africa, with my family. We homeschool, and I recently graduated. I've been privileged to travel and see some interesting places, but Africa is home. I enjoy the slower pace of the Basotho (*Bə-SOO-too*) people. They view people as more important than time. Would you like a piece of South African fudge? We just made it today.

Louie: Absolutely! I thought you'd never ask. Favorite memory—go!

Fudge: That's easy! I got to bottle-feed a lion cub once!

Louie: Favorite Scripture?

Fudge: 2 Corinthians 12:9—“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Louie: That is a special verse indeed. You seem to know the Sesotho (*Sə-SOO-too*) language quite well.

Fudge: I do. In fact interpreting for others is one way I can contribute to the mission work. I also help with Sunday School, youth group, conferences, and my little brother Caleb.

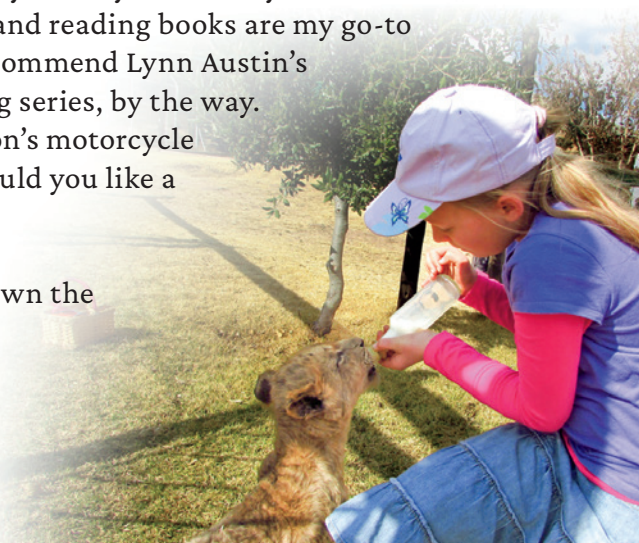
Louie: That should keep you busy! What do you do for fun?

Fudge: Writing stories and reading books are my go-to pastimes. I highly recommend Lynn Austin's *Chronicles of the King* series, by the way. And riding the mission's motorcycle is lots of fun. Hey, would you like a ride?

Louie: Ummm...

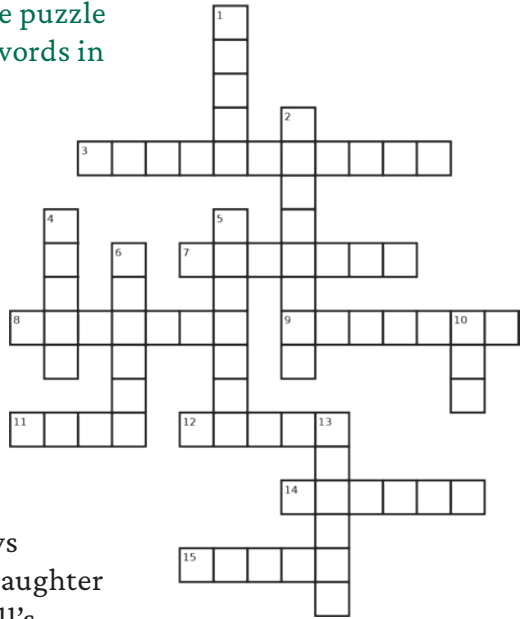
Fudge: Come on! Put down the fudge, and let's roll!

Louie: If I must...Okay!
Off we go!



GAULTS IN AFRICA

See if you can solve the puzzle below by finding the words in this edition's stories.



DOWN:

- 1: Instrument which Kaitlyn plays
- 2: Gault's youngest daughter
- 4: Kaitlyn and Kristell's little brother
- 5: Name of people who live in Lesotho
- 6: Instrument which Kristell plays
- 10: Type of home you find in Lesotho
- 13: Kristell's favorite holiday

ACROSS:

- 3: One of Kristell's hobbies
- 7: Gault's oldest daughter
- 8: Name of language which Basotho people speak
- 9: Country in Africa where Gaults serve as missionaries
- 11: Kaitlyn fed this baby animal
- 12: Name of monkey who is meeting our missionary kids
- 14: This month's memory verse is found in this book of the Bible
- 15: Type of candy which Kaitlyn offered Louie



A JOYFUL NOISE

MEMORY VERSE

Make a joyful noise unto the
Lord, all ye lands. Come before
his presence with singing.

Psalm 100:1, 2



WHEN WE ALL PULL TOGETHER



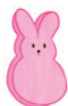
Land: LESOTHO, AFRICA

Square: TEAL

Candy: MARSHMALLOW BUNNIES



Whew...am I ever glad to have my feet back on the ground! Miss Kaitlyn is good at that motorcycling stuff. And fast! But oh my...that much fudge plus that much fast driving has left me feeling faint...



Boo!

Louie: Ahhh! Who goes there?

Bunny: (*Giggling*) It's me! Kristell Gault. And that's Kris-TELL, not KRIS-tell. Just so you know.

Louie: Well, Miss Kris-TELL Gault, how are you today?

Bunny: I'm fabulous! We just finished Vacation Bible School at a couple of churches, and I loved it!

Louie: Ah, yes. A little birdie told me you were VERY helpful during those events—playing games with the kids, helping them learn memory verses, and teaching them songs.

Does turning fourteen this month mean you will get more privileges or more responsibilities?

Bunny: Ha, ha! I don't know! Helping each other is part of the Basotho culture, so we do a lot together and tasks are more fun than work. Come inside, Louie. You can sample some papa ka moroho (white cornmeal and cooked greens) while I practice my violin.

Louie: I love the fact that people offer me food everywhere I go! Yes, I'll give it a try. Can I try your violin, too? I've always wanted to play one.

Bunny: Sure, but it's not easy.

Louie: What else do you like to do besides startle monkeys and play beautiful music?

Bunny: I enjoy reading, of course (Check out *The Door Within* by Wayne Batson sometime.) and singing in youth choir, art, and photography. My picture of rose petals recently won a contest.

Louie: Wow! It's beautiful. Do you enjoy Africa?

Bunny: I do. I never think of it as anything but home. I'm a white Mosotho.

Louie: Isn't a Mosotho a person who lives in Lesotho among the Basotho people and speaks the Sesotho language?

Bunny: Yes! You got it, Louie!

Louie: Aw, thanks. Some have said that Christmas is fun in Africa because it's warm and you can go swimming that day. Is it your favorite holiday, too?

Bunny: No, mine is Easter. What's yours?

Louie: Whichever one has the best food. Well, I must move along, but thank you for sharing your music with me. You truly do "make a joyful (and beautiful) noise unto the Lord," just like Psalm 100 says. Keep using your talents to bless others.





Louie's treehouse Lain

Making a Joyful Noise

Music is an important part of a Christian's daily worship (Ephesians 5:18-19). If you make it a habit to speak "to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord," it will help you and the people around you. To encourage someone who is having a hard time, try this:

- Get a nice sheet of paper and markers or colored pencils.
- Draw a picture to illustrate your favorite song about Jesus.
- Write some of the words to the song on the paper.
- Give your friend the drawing and offer to sing them the song.

Your favorite song can be a blessing to you both!



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