

Each word which is in bold font and underlined in the text below may be found in the grid of letters. They might be found from left to right, right to left, top to bottom, bottom to top or diagonally. After all the bolded and underlined words are found the remaining unused letters in the grid will spell a special message.

# Ordinary Days



The Murrays were concluding **their family** devotions each day by reading a chapter from a missionary book. "The jungle **closed** in **around Pedro**," read Dad. "He knew his **enemies** were looking for him. **Since** Pedro had become a Christian, **other** members of his tribe were **determined** to kill him, and even now they were not far behind on the jungle trail. **There** seemed no **escape**. Pedro **prayed** as he ran."

This is so **scary**, Mary whispered.

Dad continued reading. "Suddenly a dark-skinned man stepped out of the **bushes** just **ahead**. He motioned for Pedro to follow him and started **moving deeper** into the jungle. Should I follow him? Pedro wondered. Is this man an enemy, too? I've **never** seen him before. Pedro didn't know what to do." Dad looked up, put a **marker** in the book and closed it. "End of chapter," he said. "Bedtime!" Oh, no! groaned Kurt.

Just one more page? **pleaded** Mary.

Mother shook her head. "There's school tomorrow."

Kurt stretched. "Boy, some **people** live such exciting **lives**, and mine is so. . .ah. . .ordinary. You know what I mean. . .it's mostly school, practicing trumpet, **studying**, **eating**, sleeping, and school **again**."

Well, I **suspect** Pedro was glad when his life became somewhat ordinary **after** he escaped from his enemies, said Dad with a grin.

Then he does get away! Kurt laughed heartily at his unexpected **discovery**. "Well, I **still think** my days are pretty dull."

God planned for ordinary days in our lives, said Dad. "He knows we need them to grow and **learn about** Him. Even men of the Bible had ordinary days. Take Daniel, for example. He. . ."

Daniel! **exclaimed** Kurt. "His life was exciting. He even got thrown into a lions' den."

True, but he didn't face lions **every** day, said Dad. "He also worked in the king's **court doing** many

ordinary jobs. And Paul was a tentmaker. He must have **spent** many days **sewing**, measuring, and cutting. We need to see all the ordinary days as gifts from God. Do your best on those days, too, and good will come of it."

With a yawn Kurt **stood** up. "Yeah. Okay, I **better** get to bed then, so I can be rested for another. . .ah. . .ordinary day."

#### HOW ABOUT YOU?

Do you sometimes think all the exciting things are happening to everyone else? These days of schooling, eating, playing, sleeping, and more schooling are all part of God's plan to prepare you for the future. If you see each day as a gift from God, it will be easier to perform the ordinary jobs like homework, practicing your instrument, and washing dishes.

#### TODAY'S KEY VERSE: (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.</i> <i>There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

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