



Here is a story from The Week Ahead section of the newspaper. Read the story and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the article itself – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



BIG NEWS

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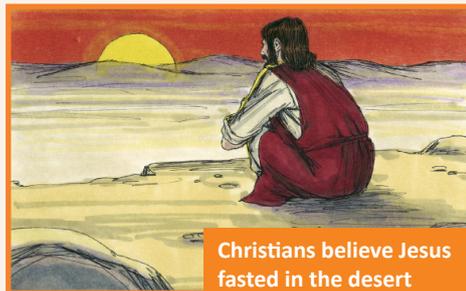
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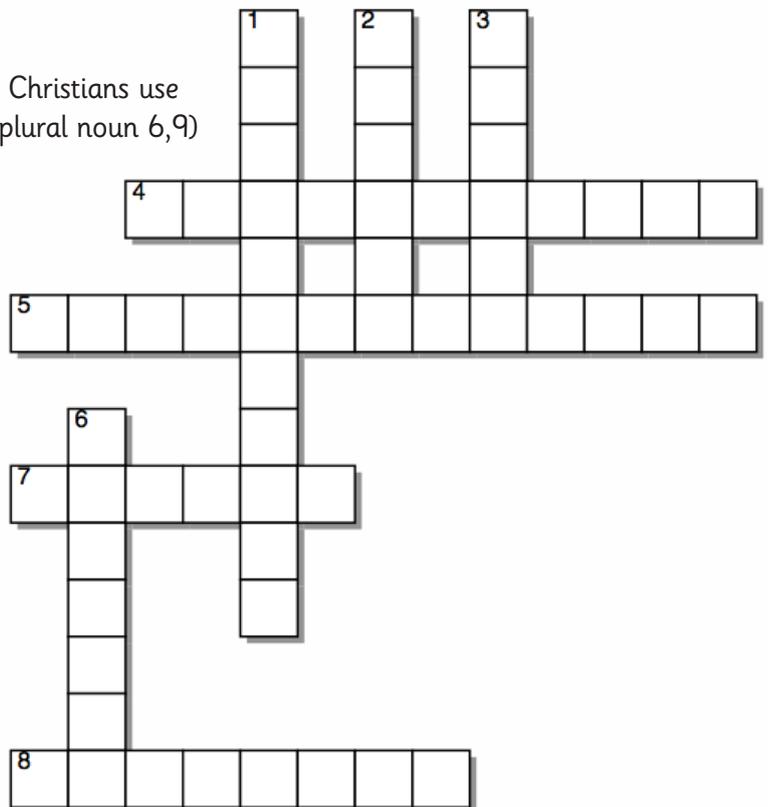
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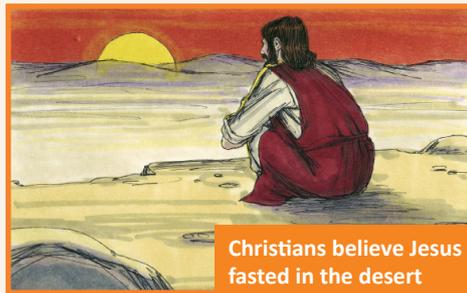
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