

Saint Benedict



Saint Benedict was born and grew up in a wealthy family in Italy. During his studies he became displeased with the state of the society in which he lived. People were living lives in search of worldly pleasures instead of storing up their treasures in Heaven. He decided to move away from the city and lived in a small village for some time. Even the small village was not solitude enough for Saint Benedict, so he moved to a cave in the mountains of Subiaco! He lived there for three years alone, devoting his life to God.

Word spread of Benedict's solitude and soon he had followers who also wished to live lives devoted entirely to God. He set up twelve monasteries in Subiaco for monks to live in small communities. Later he founded a monastery in Monte Cassino, which one of the most famous monasteries in the world.

Monasticism the practice of becoming secluded from society in order to live a simple life devoted to God. Monasteries (where monks live) and Convents (where nuns live) are part of the monastic system. Saint Benedict was not the first monk, but he did much to establish the monastic system for the Catholic Church. His beliefs and instructions were collected in to what is called the Rule of Saint Benedict. The Rule calls people to a life of prayer, study, labor and living together in a monastery under the direction of an abbot (the father, or head of the monastery).

Saint Benedict is the patron saint of Europe, Kidney disease, poisoning, and schoolchildren. His feast day is July 11th.

Color the picture of Saint Benedict!

Week 16- Language Arts

Synonyms

Draw a line to connect the synonyms. Then color in the synonyms that you think describe Saint Benedict.

Amazing

Enraged

Angry

Intelligent

Sad

Boring

Serene

Incredible

Smart

Caring

Compassionate

Tiny

Solitude

Quiet

Dull

Unhappy

Holy

Isolated

Week 17 Language Arts

Homonyms

Choose the correct homonym to complete each sentence,
and write it on the line.

Saint Benedict could not longer _____ to live among greedy people .
(bear bare)

He moved _____ a cave in the mountains far away from people.
(to two too)

He spent his _____ reading scripture, praying, and learning about God.
(days daze)

Saint Benedict gave up everything to live a _____ life.
(plane plain)

Studying under Saint Benedict was _____ for the weak.
(knot not)

He insisted on hard labor _____ was too much for some monks.
(which witch)

They tried to poison his drink, but the _____ pitcher shattered when he
blessed it!
(whine wine)

Saint Benedict left those monks and went on to _____ many other more
faithful monks.
(meet meat)

He lived a _____ live of holyness!
(grate great)

See if you can write your own sentence about Saint Benedict using a homonym!

Week 16- Math

Miracles of Saint Benedict

Saint Benedict's monastic life included hard labor, much studying, praying and reading of scripture. Some of the monks who followed him were angry with his strict rules and tried to poison him. Benedict blessed the pitcher of wine (which had been poisoned by his monks), giving thanks to God, and it shattered! Saint Benedict left those monks and found more faithful and committed followers.

If the pitcher of wine held 3 liters, how much wine was it in quarts? _____

If the pitcher of wine held 4 quarts, how much wine was that in liters? _____

If the pitcher could hold 3 quarts, how many liters of wine is that? _____

If the wine pitcher weighs 1 lb when empty, how many kilograms does it weigh?

If the wine pitcher weighs 2 kg, how many lbs does it weigh?



Week 17- Math

Write the answers to the multiplication problems below. Circle all the perfect squares!

$1 \times 1 = \underline{\quad}$

$12 \times 12 = \underline{\quad}$

$6 \times 6 = \underline{\quad}$

$2 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$

$8 \times 7 = \underline{\quad}$

$6 \times 5 = \underline{\quad}$

$2 \times 2 = \underline{\quad}$

$11 \times 11 = \underline{\quad}$

$9 \times 9 = \underline{\quad}$

$9 \times 12 = \underline{\quad}$

$3 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 5 = \underline{\quad}$

$10 \times 10 = \underline{\quad}$

$5 \times 10 = \underline{\quad}$

$5 \times 5 = \underline{\quad}$

$8 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$6 \times 12 = \underline{\quad}$

$2 \times 9 = \underline{\quad}$

$7 \times 7 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$8 \times 8 = \underline{\quad}$

$3 \times 11 = \underline{\quad}$

$7 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$

$9 \times 8 = \underline{\quad}$

Week 17- Language Arts - Antonyms

At one of the monastery, a beggar came asking for oil. Saint Benedict told his monks to give the beggar the oil, but one monk resisted saying there would not be enough for the monastery if they gave it away. Saint Benedict knelt and prayed, and the monks stood in amazement as oil bubbled up in the jar! It filled the jar to overflowing!

Draw a lines to antonyms to the words from the story.

give

overflowing

amazement

up

beggar

empty

down

take

rich man

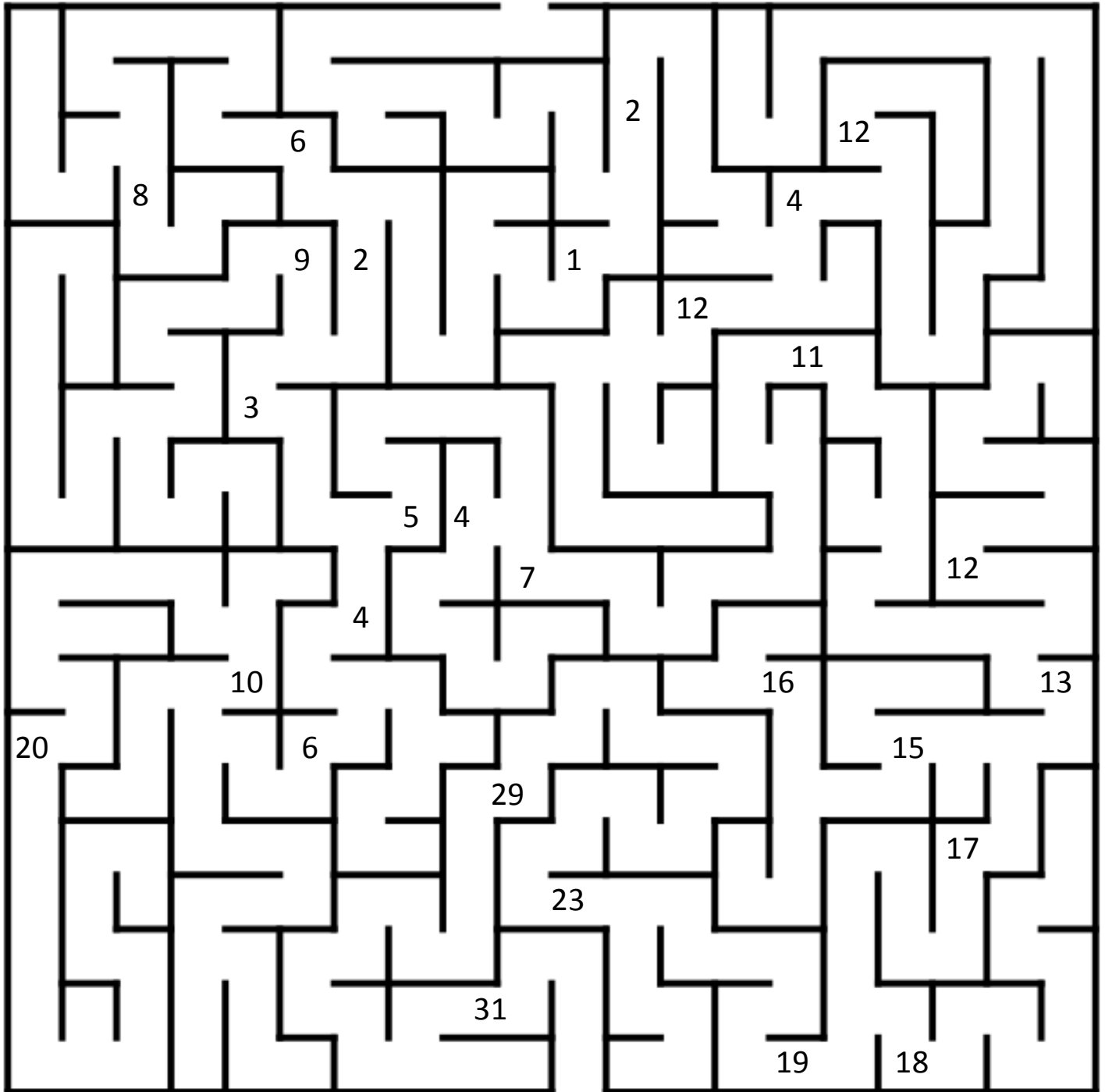
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Week 18- Math

Prime Numbers

Follow the path with prime numbers to get through the maze!

Start



Finish