

GOD GIVES & FORGIVES

SKIT: RAT RACE

Read the skit and answer the questions after it.

A whistle blows. Rod and Jim enter. Jim's mouth is stuffed full of something.

ROD: Phew. What a day.

JIM: *(Rubbing his feet.)* Oh, man. My dogs are barking.

ROD: *(Panics.)* What? *(Looks at Jim's feet.)* Oh. *(Embarrassed laugh.)* Right.

JIM: You have to admit it, Rod, I'm really good at running through the maze and hitting that button.

ROD: Yeah, you're pretty good.

JIM: Pretty good? I'm amazing. I must have eaten, like, 15 pellets today. I've got a ton more hidden, but I'm not going to tell you where they are.

ROD: Are they stuffed in your cheeks?

JIM: *(Obviously lying.)* No. *(Rod looks at him knowingly. He slowly chews the pellets in his mouth and swallows.)* Still, I really know how to hit that button.

ROD: Yeah, but . . . that's what lab rats do.

JIM: Sure. But I'm awesome. Look out, pellets! Here comes Jim! Pushing the button! Look out!

ROD: You realize you're not creating food by hitting that button. Right?

JIM: Huh?

ROD: I mean, when you hit that button, the door opens and the food the scientist gives us comes out.

JIM: Oh, I see. You're jealous.

ROD: What?

JIM: Yeah. I'm really good at making the food nubbies, and it drives you crazy knowing you'll never be as good as I am.

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS - JIM

For the following categories, list three things that God gives us as “daily bread” from those categories.

Food

Clothing

Home

Property

Family

Friends and Neighbors

Forgiveness.

Answer these questions...

- What are some ways to give thanks for these gifts from God?

- How can we share them with others?

QUIZ SHOW - JIM

1. The term "daily bread" in the Lord's Prayer refers to . . .
 - a. your allowance.
 - b. your best friend.
 - c. toast.
 - d. Everything you need.

2. You earn your daily bread by . . .
 - a. praying for it every day.
 - b. doing nice things around the house.
 - c. going to church every week.
 - d. It's a trick question. You can't earn your daily bread, because daily bread is a free gift of God's grace!

3. Praying for your daily bread does which of the following things?
 - a. Shows God you're a good person and deserve good things.
 - b. Reminds you that God provides you with everything you need from day to day.
 - c. Makes you a pious and religious person.
 - d. Reminds you to stop by the store on the way home.

4. God only provides daily bread to . . .
 - a. Lutherans.
 - b. blessed people.
 - c. all people.
 - d. people who pray for it.

5. When we show mercy to another person . . .
 - a. they sure better notice it!
 - b. we are passing on the mercy God shows us.
 - c. we deserve to get our name in the church bulletin.
 - d. we are earning our daily bread.

6. It's hardest to forgive someone . . .
 - a. who really, really bugs me.
 - b. who got something I deserved.
 - c. when I don't pray first.
 - d. All of the above.

7. We confess our sins and ask for forgiveness during worship . . .
 - a. because we have to do something before the sermon.
 - b. in order to remember that we need God's forgiveness.
 - c. once a year on the twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost.
 - d. because it makes us look more righteous.

8. God will forgive us . . .
 - a. if God is not busy forgiving someone else.
 - b. if we bake some delicious daily bread.
 - c. if we promise never to do it again.
 - d. no matter what!

TURN THIS IN TO YOUR SMALL GROUP LEADER WITH YOUR NAME ON IT PLEASE!