

Isaiah 26.¹⁻⁴

A strong city

Cities ...

Draw lines to match **each named city** and each **picture** with **the description** in the boxes. Write the name of the country under each city's name

Hammerfest

Country

A The most northerly capital city



Iquito

Country

B The largest city without road access



La Paz

Country

C The most southerly capital city



Reykjavik

Country

D The city with most people



Tokyo

Country

E The most northern city in the world



Wellington

Country

F The highest capital city in the world



Today's passage speaks about a city

In last week's passage God used the prophet Isaiah to tell the people about what Jesus would do.

He would destroy death, 'swallow death up for ever'.

When He was crucified, He was taking on death:

and because He's now raised from the dead God means us to be sure that death has been defeated – and that it will be destroyed for ever!

In today's passage we're going to learn how Jesus' being raised from the dead changes everything for us

people

today's passage

Read

Isaiah 26.¹⁻⁴

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts. ²Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith. ³You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You.

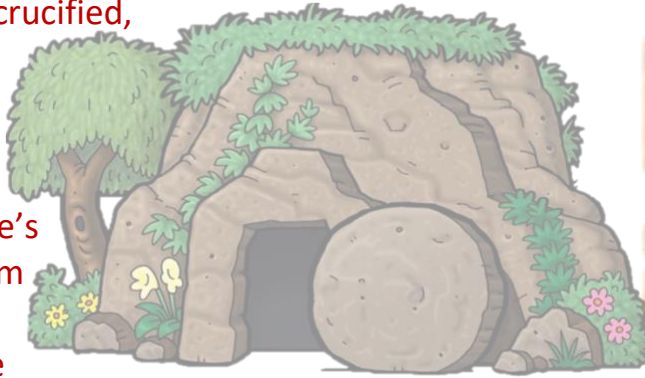
⁴Trust in the Lord for ever, for the Lord, the Lord Himself, is the Rock eternal.

Cities are full of people!

The city with the biggest population in the world has over 37 million people living in it – did you get the right answer on page 1?

Death separates us from people we love. But Jesus has broken the power of death – so He brings us together again.

That's why heaven is described as a city (you can read about that in the last book of the Bible, **Revelation 21.10-27**)



When you see this graphic of the cup of crayons, colour in the words or the picture

How many people are there in this picture?



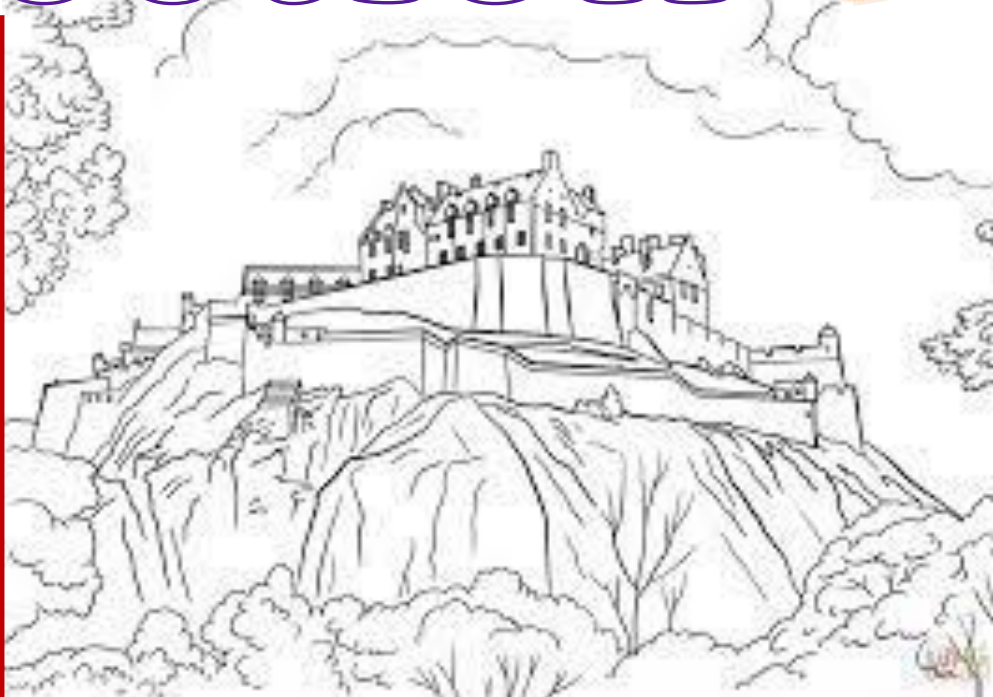
protection



The city in the passage is described as a '**strong** city'.

Cities in the ancient world often had big, strong walls built round them to protect them from enemies.

Do you know in which Scottish city you would find this castle?
Colour in the picture and then fill in the missing letters under it



Fill in the missing letters of this famous city in the bible which had strong walls (but not strong enough to stand against God!)

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_ _ **I** _ _ **U** _ _ _



Jesus is mighty to save!

Because He's so strong, stronger even than death, anyone who's in 'His city' (part of His people) is always safe.

He's like a strong shield around us!



Find this verse in the Bible and memorise it!

Look at v.3 again

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You"



peace

Death is described as 'the **last** enemy'.

It's about the worst thing that can happen to you!

But Jesus has proved Himself stronger than death, and so you don't need to worry – He can handle anything that gets thrown at You. Tell Him the problem – and trust Him!

purpose



There's always a lot going on in a city!

Cities grow up because people gather in the one place to .. well to

- **work** (industries, shops, etc)
- **study** (schools, colleges, etc)
- **perform** (theatres, concert halls, etc)
- **play** (sports, pastimes, etc)
- **chill out** (cafés, parks, etc)
- **create** (studios, galleries, etc)

in all these ways it's always much better

together



Try colouring in the picture!

Jesus was raised from the dead on a Sunday, the first day of the week.

But it wasn't just a new week, it was a whole new world that He was starting! He was bringing in **God's** kingdom, in which bit by bit everything gets put right.

And He called His followers to be part of that, sharing with Him in His work across the world.

He gave His followers a new purpose in life. That's part of what God's **salvation** involves – we get to serve the Lord, to share in what He's doing in the world!

Here's another verse to remember!

“.. my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.



A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)



Lord Jesus, it's got to be the best news ever that You're alive!

It's amazing to think that You're stronger even than death!

I love the fact that You can handle anything!

I'm trusting You for everything!

Thank You for what You have done which means I've got a 'strong city' to live in

It's great knowing that I'm safe, and that there's a crowd of other people around me.

Thank You for all my friends, and for all the people in the church who help me to get to know You better all the time.

Please help us all to live each day in a way that'll make it easier for others to see that You're risen from the dead, and alive and at work in the world today!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

'Trust in the Lord for
ever, for the Lord, the Lord
Himself, is the Rock eternal.'

Isaiah 26.4



A WORDSEARCH ..

Jesus is the 'Rock eternal' and it's our wisdom to trust in Him!

This Wordsearch is based on the story He told about the wise man building his house on rock

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JESUS CHRIST

WISE

Colour in – ‘a strong city’



ANSWERS!

Page 1

A Reykjavik (Iceland)



B Iquito (Peru)



C Wellington (New Zealand)



D Tokyo (Japan)



E Hammerfest (Norway)



F La Paz (Bolivia)



Page 2 There are **39** people in the picture (I think!)



Page 3 The picture is of **Edinburgh Castle**

The city whose walls were not strong enough for the Lord was **Jericho**. You can read the story in Joshua 6!

The verse to look up is **Psalm 28 v.7**