



# ON MY BLOCK

CARE FOR THE PEOPLE

IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES - FEB 22

These activities are part of the videos explained each week on [gebc.org.nz/equip](http://gebc.org.nz/equip).  
An alternative video of the story is on [gebc.org.nz/switch](http://gebc.org.nz/switch) that everyone may also enjoy.

These activities are for those in EQUIP and SWITCH to do.

They usually need two or more people to do them and younger kids may need assistance from someone older. But you can usually do them on your own by adapting them slightly if need be.

### SO EACH WEEK...

- Watch the video on [gebc.org.nz/equip](http://gebc.org.nz/equip) or [gebc.org.nz/switch](http://gebc.org.nz/switch) to see the story and get you thinking.
- Follow the instructions in the video or read and follow along with the instructions provided. Choose the activities that suit you best.
- Finish off during the week by looking at your EQUIP or SWITCH journal.

# COMPASSION



CARING ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING  
ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE'S NEED



# BUSY HAND MAZE

## WHAT YOU NEED...

- “Busy Hand Maze” Activity Page, paper towel tubes (or craft tubes/or bottle), crayons, acetate paper, tape, red marker (or other colour)

## WHAT YOU DO...

- Choose either the easy or harder maze.
- Decorate your maze but do not solve it.
- Tape the maze to your tube so it’s covered.
- Cut the acetate paper so it is about 5cm thick, but wider than the maze.
- Draw a red dot with the permanent marker on the acetate paper.
- Roll the acetate paper around the tube and tape it to itself, creating a circle.
  - » NOTE: Do not to tape the acetate paper to the tube. It should move freely up and down.
- Move the acetate paper so the red dot is at the beginning of your maze.
- Move the red dot through the maze until it gets to the end.

## THINK...

Have a think about the Bible story.

- Jesus was busy—super busy. After all, He is Jesus.
- But Bartimaeus asked for His help, so Jesus changed the direction of what He was doing and where He was going.
- Jesus was headed somewhere else, but He made time to help someone in need.
- He changed the direction of His day to help someone else.
- Jesus stopped to see Bartimaeus and the need He had. Then He did something to help.
- Just like Jesus, there are a lot of people in our lives, and sometimes it takes us changing our plans and the direction of our day for us to see them and help them when they have a need.

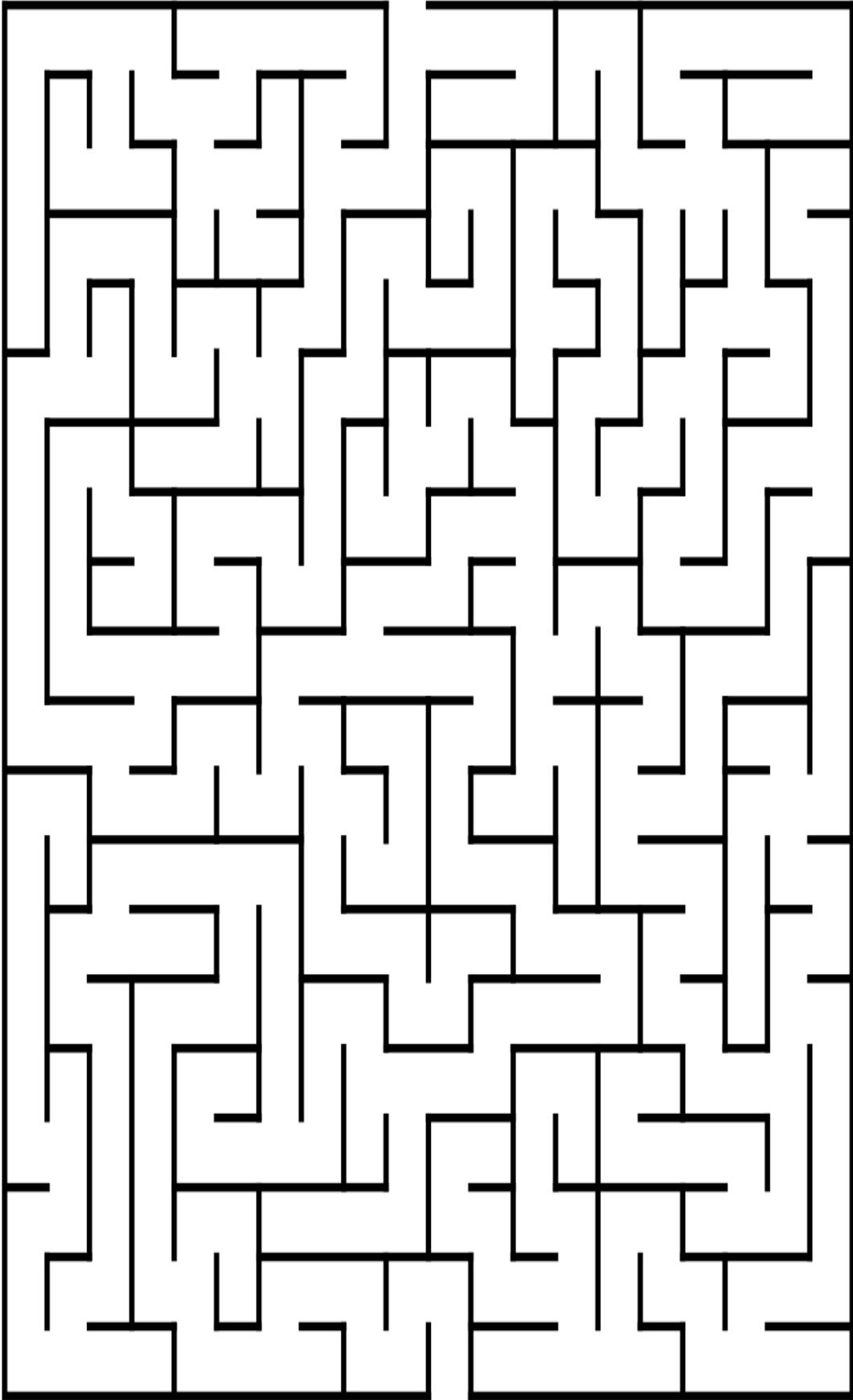
To get your dot to the end of the maze, you had to change directions a few times, and it definitely took longer than just a straight line. Sometimes we can be really busy. Maybe we have school all day and then head to practice and your family grabs something to eat while driving to your cousins’ house and you’re just busy. Even in your busyness, did you stop to ask the adult in your life how their day was when you got in the car with them?

Or maybe you’re working on your homework and your little sister asks you a question about her homework and you’re just too busy to help.

- » What are some ways you and your family get busy?
- » What does it mean to change direction?  
(*Move in a different way than where you were headed.*)
- » Just like Jesus changed the direction of His day for Bartimaeus, who do you need to change direction for today?

Maybe while you’re headed to a friend’s house down the street, you can stop to ask your little sister if she wants to join you. Or you can stop by your mum’s bedroom on the way to the kitchen and ask if she needs anything.





*Busy Hand Maze - Harder*  
*February Week 4*

# VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

## WHAT YOU NEED...

- Bibles, “Clock” Activity Pages, “Verse” Activity Page, scissors, mobile device or timer (optional)

## WHAT YOU DO...

- Have you memorised the memory verse, Micah 6:8?
- Cut out the verse pieces.
- Put your “Verse Pieces” face down on the floor and mix them up.
- Race to see who can be the first to put their verse pieces on the “Clock” Activity Page in the correct order. if by yourself, time yourself to see how long it takes you.

## THINK...

- » What is one of your favorite things to spend time doing?
- » Think of a time when you saw someone caring enough to help someone else.
- » How have you tried to show compassion this past month?
- » What’s something you’ve learned about compassion that you feel confident enough to put into practice?

Micah 6:8 starts by saying, The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. (NirV)

- » What good thing did Jesus show you today?
- » What is something you could spend less time on so you could spend more time helping others?



