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THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE

SEARCH FOR SQUAREPANTS

IN CINEMAS
BOXING DAY

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k THIS Week...



CREATURE FEATURE



Hello summer!

It's time for sand, surf, sunscreen and SpongeBob in this week's Kidzone. We check out *The SpongeBob Movie: Search For SquarePants*. Make sponge water bombs with Oliver and pineapple coconut icy poles with Cheffy! Yum! Play *Would You Rather* summer edition and have a giggle at our summer jokes. Plus, soak up all the fun of 'Power Wash Simulator 2' with BitBoy. All this plus the colouring comp and puzzles galore! Happy reading!



CHRISTMAS ISLAND RED CRAB

STATS:

Scientific name: Gecarcoidea natalis
Size: up to 116 mm wide (across shell)
Weight: up to 500 g
Lifespan: 20 to 30 years
Diet: omnivore
Conservation status: least concern

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✿ The red crab is found almost exclusively on Christmas Island. Christmas Island is an Australian island in the Indian Ocean nearly 3,000 km north-west of Perth, Western Australia.

✿ They spend most of the year living by themselves in burrows in rainforests.

✿ They forage for food on the rainforest floor eating fallen leaves, fruits, flowers and seedlings. They will also feed on dead crabs, birds or the giant African snail (which is an introduced species on the island).

✿ They are slow growing and moult (shed their hard, old exoskeleton) just once each year.

✿ Bright red is their most common colour, but some can be orange or (much more rarely) purple.

✿ The red crab is famous for one of the most spectacular animal migrations in the world which takes place at the beginning of the wet season (October to November).

✿ For the migration, millions of these bright red crabs leave their burrows and make their way to the coast to breed. The event stops traffic on the island and many roads are closed to ensure the crabs can safely make their journey.

✿ Male crabs create burrows where females lay eggs and then rest while incubating their eggs. After two weeks the eggs are released into the ocean and the crabs start their journey back into the rainforests.

WOULD YOU RATHER?

SUMMER EDITION!

START EACH LINE WITH "WOULD YOU RATHER ..."
AND CIRCLE WHICH OPTION YOU WOULD CHOOSE!

Eat ice-cream all day, every day
for a week

OR

go to the beach every day for a
month?

Build an epic life-size sandcastle

OR

find buried treasure at the beach?

Have a water balloon fight

OR

have a water squirter battle?

Slide down a giant waterslide

OR

float on a river all day?

Drip juicy watermelon on your
favourite T-shirt

OR

accidentally sit on an ice-cream
cone?

Swim with dolphins

OR

swim with seals?

Go to watch the Boxing Day Test
(cricket)

OR

go to watch the Australian Open
(tennis)?

Own an ice-cream truck

OR

own a frozen yoghurt shop?

Listen to music by a pool

OR

read a book at the beach?

Run under the sprinkler in the
backyard

OR

stay inside with the air-condi-
tioning?

Go fishing

OR

go bodyboarding?

nt

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CHILLAX

by Rod Allen

Hey Gang.
Sorry I'm
late.



I was busy
getting extra
supplies for
the beach.

Anyone
need some
more sun-
screen?



Now, I've brought
some spades and buckets
so Oliver can make
some sandcastles like
he did last year.



Remember
that? It was
really cool.
We should all help
and make them
BIGGER.



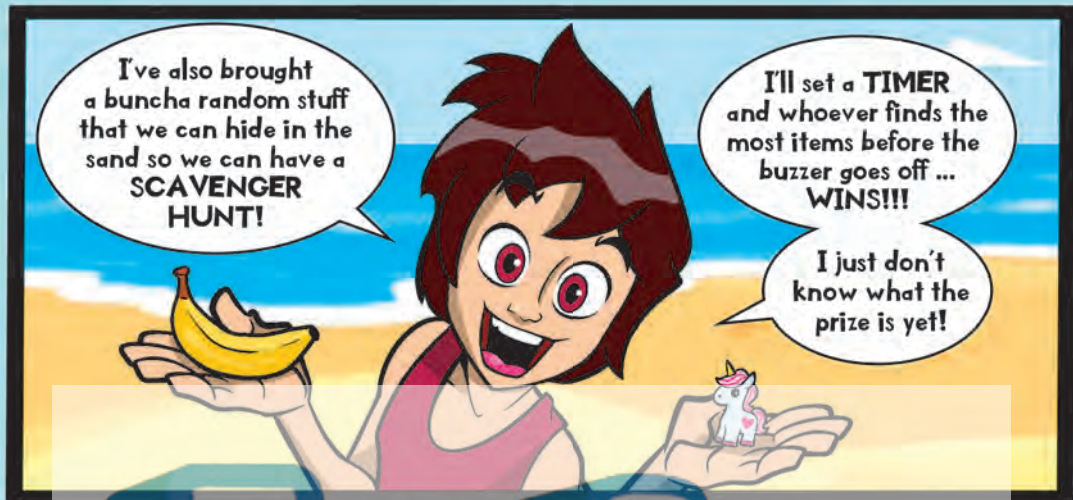
Then we can
bury BitBoy in the sand
like we've done before.
That was hilarious.



Maybe we can
take turns and **BURY**
each other. HA HA!

Safely, of
course.





I've also brought
a buncha random stuff
that we can hide in the
sand so we can have a
**SCAVENGER
HUNT!**

I'll set a **TIMER**
and whoever finds the
most items before the
buzzer goes off ...
WINS!!!

I just don't
know what the
prize is yet!



I also have
a soccer ball,
a hacky sack,
an egg beater
(for some reason),
a water pistol ...

Or maybe,
Sam, you can
just relax and
enjoy the peace
and quiet of this
beautiful
day.



You know
what ... **THAT'S**
a great idea
too.

Mmm ...
lovely.



**BIBLE
MESSAGE**

**This is the
day the
Lord has
made.**

Psalms
chapter 118
verse 24



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CK'S TREEHOUSE

Dear Kidzoners, Thanks for all your letters, photos and drawings – I love collecting them, so keep sending them to me so I can hang them up in my tree house. I can't wait to hear from you!

– Cousin Koala (CK)

Send your letters to:
Cousin Koala, 95-99 Railway Rd,
Blackburn Vic. 3130

I love to play hide-and-seek. Can you find me on one of this week's Kidzone pages?

Dear CK,

My name is **Eden** and I love **Kidzone**. It is so fun with all the games!

I loved the 'Pokemon' edition, because of the poke ball cookie recipe 🍪

I have won one competition in **Kidzone** and I love to look in the back of the magazines to see who has won the competitions, so please keep on showing who has won.

I love reading the Bible and the Book of Mormon (since we belong to The Church of Jesus Church of Latter-day Saints). A big thanks to all the hardworking Salvation Army people who spend their days stacking shelves full of clothes, or typing up **Kidzone** magazines, and helping those in need.

Love from **Eden P.**

PS: Could you maybe do a 'Powerful Women', or a 'Learning Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN)' edition of **Kidzone**? Thank you!

G'day there Eden!

First up – a massive congratulations on your win and thank you so much for the feedback on our winners page. It's a new idea and I am glad you enjoy the change! Your ideas are fabulous, too. I wonder how we would best communicate AUSLAN. Have you got any ideas? Did you know the sign for God is the letter 'g' sign and then pointing up with your dominant hand? I learnt that one when I learnt the signs for 'What An Awesome God' by Phil Wickman. My friend Jac helped me learn the chorus. It would make a great issue of **Kidzone**.

Your letter was so kind and considerate of the people who work for the Salvos. They all work so hard and it's always lovely to be thought of – thank you.

Did you make the poke ball cookies? If I remember correctly that was our 'Detective Pikachu Returns' edition and it was a fun one! I made the decoder and left the **Kidzone** team messages around the tree house to find. Bear hugs - CK

COUSIN KOALA

EXCUSE ME, CAPTAIN ...

... BUT DON'T PIRATES HAVE A "PARROT" ON THEIR SHOULDER?

RoD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

SAT 06

Jade Annan (11),
Isabella Edwards (12)

SUN 07

Bethi H (10),
Ella Foot (8)

MON 08

Ashton Bridges (9)

TUE 09

Halle Knight (4)

THU 11

Evelyn Perry (9),
Jack Palmer (8)

FRI 12

Aliyah Peters (11),
Layla Gentile (8)

Please put my name on the
BIRTHDAY LIST

Full Name

Age Now Birth Date

Parent's signature

☒ If you are aged between five and 14, and would like your birthday/letter printed in Kidzone, fill in the coupon and send it to: Cousin Koolha™, 95-99 Railway Rd, Blackburn 3130 or head to <https://www.kidzonemag.com.au/cktrecho> use.

Include a letter in your own handwriting and permission (signature) from your parent to have it printed.

You must be joking!



HOW CAN YOU
TELL THE
OCEAN IS
FRIENDLY?

WHY WERE
THE FISH
EMBAR-
RASSED?

WHAT
HAPPENS
WHEN YOU
THROW BOOKS
INTO THE
OCEAN?

IT WAVES!

THEY SAW THE
OCEAN'S
BOTTOM!

YOU GET A
TITLE WAVE!

WHY DO FISH
SWIM IN
SALT WATER?

WHY DID THE
DOLPHIN
CROSS THE
BEACH?

WHERE DO
SHARKS GO
FOR THEIR
SUMMER
HOLIDAY?

THEY WOULD MAKE
PEPPER WATER
THEM SNEEZE!

TO GET TO THE
OTHER TIDE!

FINLAND!

WHAT'S THE
BEST DAY OF
THE WEEK
TO GO TO
THE BEACH?

WHY ARE FISH
SO EASY TO
WEIGH?

WHY DO
BANANAS
WEAR SUN-
SCREEN?

SUNDAY!

THEY HAVE
THEIR OWN
SCALE!

BECAUSE THEY
PEEL!

WHY DID THE
FISH GO TO
HOLLYWOOD?

WHAT DOES
THE SUN
DRINK OUT
OF?

WHAT DO SEA
MONSTERS
EAT?

TO BECOME A
STARFISH!

SUNGLASSES!

FISH AND
SHIPS!

THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE

SEARCH FOR SQUAREPANTS

IN CINEMAS BOXING DAY!

SpongeBob and his friends set sail in their biggest, all-new, can't miss cinematic event ever ... The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants.

Desperate to be a big guy, SpongeBob sets out to prove his bravery to Mr. Krabs by following The Flying Dutchman – a mysterious swashbuckling ghost pirate. SpongeBob takes off on a seafaring comedy-adventure that takes him to the deepest depths of the deep sea, where no Sponge has gone before.

SWASHBUCKLE UP!

Start
Here!

TREASURE HUNT!

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X Finish!



**BIBLE
MESSAGE**

Oh no! Poor SpongeBob. He's such a fun-loving and trusting sea sponge. But that means he's the perfect target for the dangerous Flying Dutchman ... who most definitely cannot be trusted. The Bible tells us over and over that God is the exact opposite. We can trust God, whose love is deeper than any ocean and who only wants what's good and right for you and me. **"Your goodness is higher than the highest mountains. Your Fairness is deeper than the deepest ocean"** (Psalm 36, verse sixth).

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EATS

PINEAPPLE COCONUT ICY POLES

what you need:

an adult's help, 1 pineapple,
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup coconut milk, 1 lime,
6 to 8 icy pole moulds

directions:

- 1 Ask an adult to help you peel and roughly chop the pineapple until you have around 3 to 4 cups of diced pineapple.
- 2 Add the pineapple pieces to a blender with the coconut milk.
- 3 Squeeze as much juice as you can from the lime. Add to the blender.
- 4 Ask an adult to help you puree the ingredients in the blender until smooth.
- 5 Pour the mixture into the icy pole moulds.
- 6 Place in freezer for at least 8 hours, or until set.

yum!

1

2

3

3

4

5

HEY CRAFTY CREW!

MAKE YOUR OWN SPONGE WATER BOMBS!



What you need:

sponges, scissors,
string, container
of water

1 Cut a sponge in half long ways, then cut each half in half again. Repeat with two other sponges. I used different coloured sponges so I could make my water bombs more colourful.

2 Cut a 30 cm length of string and lay it on your work area.

3 Put four strips of sponge over the string so the string is in the middle of the sponges for typing up later.

4 Lay another four strips on top of them, mixing the colours to make the pattern you want. Repeat again so you have three layers of four strips.

5 Pull the string over the middle the sponge strips and tie together as tightly as you can until the sponge strips form into a ball. Snip off the excess string.

6 Adjust any pieces to get them into a ball shape. Soak in a container filled with water and play with them! Cooool!



BIBLE MESSAGE

One of the best things about summer is the long warm days! There's so much more time for playing outside – with fun things like my sponge water bombs! "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad today!" (Psalm 118, verse 24).





PLATFORM: PS5, XBOX X/S, PC, SWITCH 2

POWER WASH 2

SIMULATOR



**SATISFACTION IS
A SPRAY AWAY!**

Dust off your power washer and relax into pure feel-good fun. Blast away every last speck, smear and splatter of filth to restore Muckingham — and beyond — to gleaming glory. 'PowerWash Simulator' is back, bubbling with fresh locations, soap-erious equipment and splashy features. Effortlessly transform soiled surroundings into clean, serene scenes.

+ CRAVING MORE TO CLEAN?

The jobs and water keep flowing in 'PowerWash Simulator 2'. Play through a fresh new campaign, uncovering more of Muckingham's mysteries. Plus, venture even further out to brand-new grime-coated locations like Sponge Valley, Suds East and Lubri City.

+ TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Reach new heights of power washing with the help of an all-new abseiling rig and cherry picker or stay grounded with a grime-busting surface cleaner for large areas.

+ NO PLACE LIKE YOUR HOME BASE

Kick back and relax in your home base after a hard day of cleaning. Make the place yours by collecting furniture and trinkets to spruce up your pad along the way.

+ SOAP-ERIOUS WASHING

Watch your worries melt away with each swipe of your power washer. Enhanced soap in 'PowerWash 2' clings to stubborn stains and destroys dirt.



BIBLE MESSAGE

As the weather warms up, it's the perfect time to get outside for a bit of water play! Water fight anyone? Even better, why not ask an adult if you can help wash the car, water the garden or wash some windows outside? You'll have fun AND be a great helper at the same time! Perfect! "Trust in the Lord, and do good things" (Psalm chapter 37, verse three#).

THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE

SEARCH FOR SQUAREPANTS

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COLOUR ME!

With thanks to Paramount, Kidzone has five *The Spongebob Movie: Search for Squarepants* merch packs including tattoo sheet and oversized square beach towel to give away!



SEND YOUR ENTRY (BY FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2025) TO:

Kidzone's Colouring Competition, 95-99 Railway Road, Blackburn VIC, 3130

OR HEAD TO kidzonemag.com.au/competition TO UPLOAD YOUR ENTRY.

Full Name

Age

Address

Postcode

Parent's signature

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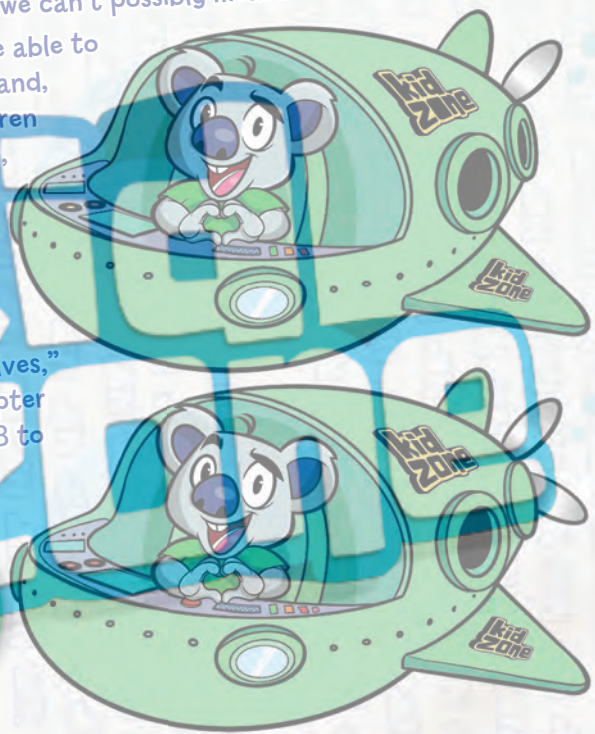
SAMUEL'S MEGA BIBLE PUZZLE!

Did you know that the deepest part of the ocean is called the Challenger Deep in the western Pacific Ocean? It's nearly 11 km deep! Wow! That's soooo deep! It's hard to

imagine going that far down into the sea. Did you know God's love for us is deeper than that? His love is so deep, so wide, so long, so high, so BIG that we can't possibly measure it! Wow! Thanks God!

“May you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves,” (Ephesians chapter three, verses 18 to 19”).

Spot the eight differences between these two pics.



JESUS LOVES YOU! & wants to be your friend!

If you would like to know more about prayer and how to read the Bible fill in the coupon below and send it to us. We'll send you some cool info!

Name: Age:

Address:

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Sam's Mega Puzzle:
4-5, 5-12, 6-6.
D. Pages: 1-2, 2-11, 3-9.
Pineapple. Shadows:
f:a3, Word square:
c:f3, d:c2, e:b5.
Grid it: a:d6, b:e1.
CK: page 3.
ANSWERS

Competition winners

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

OONA C
(12 - NSW)

CALEB B
(11 - WA)

JACOB A
(5 - NSW)

JEMIMA J
(7 - VIC.)

YOU HAVE WON

... a five-piece golf set.

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CHRISTMAS HEROES

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word square

How many words of three letters or more can you make from the letters in the square?

Each letter may be used only once per word and each word must contain the middle letter. There is one nine-letter word.
Clue: A house under the sea.

P	N	P
A	E	E
i	P	L

grid it

Can you work out the coordinates of the small squares which are taken from the big picture?



Note: some squares may be rotated.



pages

Can you find where each of these pictures came from in this week's Kidzone?

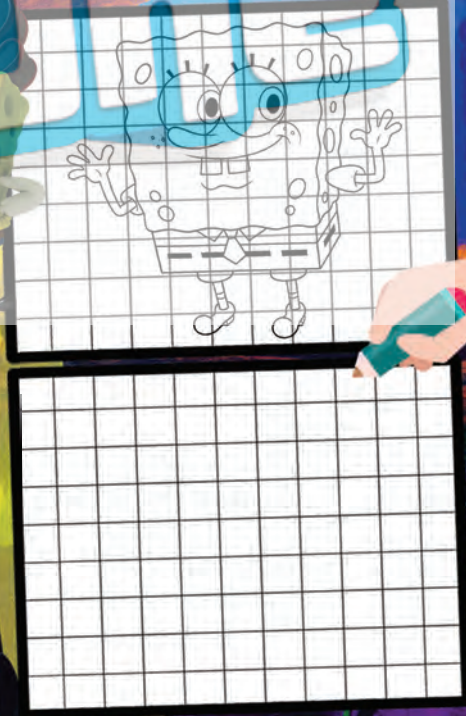


shadows



Can you spot the correct shadow?

redraw



Redraw SpongeBob using the grid provided.