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kz THIS Week...

This week's **Kidzone** is just about purr-fect!

BitBoy rounds up a paw-some bunch of new-release cat games, Cheffy makes tuna patties and Oliver squeezes some cool cat art! A cat stars in this week's awesome Bible story and we check out the Top 10 famous cats. Plus, it's Junior Soldier Renewal Day and we've got the colouring comp and puzzles galore!

Happy reading!

NEWS:



Renewal Day 2026

Junior Soldier renewal day is

11 August. Junior Soldiers are

junior members of The Salvation Army. They are kids

who have made a decision to be a follower of Jesus and want to grow in their faith.

Junior Soldier renewal day is a special annual day of celebrations in Salvo churches. It's a time when all people in the church community, but Junior Soldiers in particular, can think about and renew their commitment to living life as Jesus' friend.

The renewal day theme for 2026 is 'God's Big Story and Me — Love That Overflows'. A special Bible verse has been chosen for the day. It is Philippians chapter one, verses nine to 11:

"I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation — the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ — for this will bring much glory and praise to God."



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SPOTTA LOTTA STUFF

How many
can you find:



Life as a stray cat hanging out at the Sea of Galilee isn't too bad. I lie around in the sun all day and get more than enough food from the fishermen. When they come here on their boats with their daily catch, they throw out any fish too small for them to sell. Thanks guys! Delicious!

Today started out like any other day. I was curled up in the sand, asleep under a bush. But then my ears pricked up. I could hear talking, lots of it. I stretched and sat up. Nearby was a man standing on a rock talking to a group of people.

I went back to my spot under the bush. As the day went on, more and more people came to listen to him. The man talked until the sun started to sink in the horizon. Then I heard his voice closer to me. He was walking towards a boat pulled up on the beach close by, followed by a group of men. I recognised some of them. They were fishermen.

Food! In a flash of my ginger fur I was on that boat, wriggling under an old rug.

The man who had done all the talking said, "Let's sail over to the other side." He made for the front of the boat, put one of the cushions piled there under his head and stretched out for a snooze. He looked wrecked, not surprising since he'd talked all day.

The other men agreed and followed him onto the boat. Two of them pushed it off the sand, clambering aboard as it took off into the water. As the boat moved across the choppy water, the men chatted quietly to each other, not wanting to wake up the sleeping man they called Jesus.

"I don't like the look of that sky," one of them said suddenly.

"I don't like this wind, either," another said.

I poked my head out from under the blanket. A gust of wind suddenly hit the boat, so strong

A STORY



ARMY

time

By Faye Michelson

it nearly blew my whiskers off. The boat went sideways for a second before righting itself and the waves got higher and higher until I was sure the boat would be swamped. Rain started to pelt down. The men huddled together, their eyes wide with fear. I looked at Jesus, still asleep on the floor of the boat. How could he sleep through this?

A huge wave broke over the boat, drenching us all. We were doomed, I thought, when the men started yelling at Jesus. "Wake up! Don't you care if we drown?"

Even I was miaowing at him, not that I knew what he could do. Another wave crashed over us, and finally Jesus woke up. He looked around him, then stood up, stretched out his hand and said, "Quiet! Be still!"

Almost before the words were out of his mouth the wind dropped to a gentle breeze and the sea became calm. I was relieved, I can tell you. Jesus turned to his friends, who were looking just as terrified as they'd been when the waves were about to send us to the bottom of the sea.

"Why are you so afraid?" Jesus asked them as he sat down again. "Don't you have any faith in me?"

The men looked at each other, then a couple of them asked each other quietly, "The wind and waves do what he says. Who is he?"

It was pretty obvious to me. He was God's son.



BIBLE MESSAGE

Sometimes when we're upset, we can forget that we can talk to Jesus. Even Jesus' special friends forgot it sometimes.

Remember that Jesus is always there to pray (talk) to, no matter what your problems are. You can read this story in Mark chapter 4, verses 35-41, (although there's no ginger cat in the Bible version!).



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

SAT 08

Jordan Dickson (12),
Xavier Netz (14),
Sienna Mussa (10),
Morgan Pilven (7),
Isabel Hill (11),
Rosalie Tjong (8),
Riley Crosby (3)

SUN 09

Marnie Garbett (10),
Boston Robertson (8)

MON 10

Grace Whelan (9),
Sophia Storer (10)

TUE 11

Augustin Leang (14),
Noel Orlowski (11)

WED 12

Arielle Hastings (13),
Olivia Harper (11),
Jonathan Tennant (11),
Elisa Brooker (13)

FRI 14

Oliver Brown (11),
Amelia Webb (12),
Hattie Dunstan (11),
Zachariah Reese (12)

CK'S TREEHOUSE

Dear Kidzoner, 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?



EMAIL

What's your favourite movie? Can you have a *Stitch* Kidzone?

From Amelia

G'day Amelia,

My favourite movie at the moment is *Zootopia 2*. I also liked the original *Lilo & Stitch* and the live action movie. Which do you prefer?

Is your puzzle missing one piece?!

That is the worst! I'm so sorry!

We have done a *Lilo & Stitch* edition recently. I will put a pic of the cover here for you to see.

Bear hugs, CK



Dear CK,

I only just started reading your mags! They are so good! I love that they are Christian, and that there are so many things to do!

I love sport, AFL is my fave. I go for the Collingwood Magpies. What about you?

I love Eats, and all the colouring comps and the comics! I'm going to get a subscription soon.

Keep up the good work,
Jonathan

G'day Jonathan,
You're a brand new Kidzoner! Welcome! I also love and AFL and guess what?! I am a Mighty Magpies supporter too!! Good old Collingwood forever!
Aren't the comics so funny! I'm so pumped you are enjoying our mag. Thank you so much for writing me an email!
Bear hugs, CK

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

Hi Cousin Koala!

How are you? I'm well myself 😊 I just wanted you to know that my Hatsune Miku letter was a little late and I went to Sydney a while ago! I have a new favourite colour and it is light blue! I also do homeschool and have no pets and I'm the only child 😊 just some random facts about me 🐼

Do you know any other languages besides English? I'm learning Japanese! 🇯🇵

What is your favourite anime or manga? I honestly prefer manga. (Do you know my dad censors manga for me! He always has a Sharpie and paper clips when proofreading manga for me!). I watch anime as well but I watch some anime that's not scary and sometimes Dad just says to skip an episode or something like that. *Pretty Cure* has been really good as it's a kids anime!! I order a lot of *Pretty Cure* merch from Japan! I have got eight *Pretty Cure* merch items! I also got into *Himitsu No AiPri* (The Secret Of AiPri) but you can't watch it in Australia. It's so cute. I have five *AiPri* merch so far (from Japan as well). Here's a photo of my Japan merch collection! I paid with my pocket money for all of them! The first top row are my *AiPri* merch and the last two rows are my *Pretty Cure* merch! What is your favourite from my collection, *AiPri* or *Pretty Cure* merch?

My dad got an Xbox recently. It's really for my dad but he lets me play it. I don't play it that often though! We play 'Forza Horizon 5' on it! It's a racing game but you can also just drive around freely in it. I like how you can customise your car in it and I made a Miku car! It's also set in Japan! 🇯🇵 I prefer my Nintendo Switch though! 🎮

I also had a haircut and got a fringe! But that's the only change with my hair. I like it a little over shoulder length and it's staying that way! God bless you!! From Bethi

Hi there again Bethi!

I'm sorry your response came a little late. We are getting so many letters at the moment. Isn't that fantastic?! I'm so excited to talk to so many kidzoners!

I thought you would enjoy being in our cat edition because you always sign your name with a cat at the end.

I made sure this letter was light blue in honour of your new favourite colour!

Your dad sounds like he cares about you a lot. You need to be mindful to read, watch and listen to good things and he wants what is best for your heart and mind. That's pretty cool.

Well done on saving your pocket money and using it on something special to you. I think the Pochitan plush is super cute. She looks a little like a koala but I believe she's actually more like a panda - is that correct?

I have played 'Forza' but I haven't played number six. I wonder if you could make a Cousin Koala car next?! Ha!

What game are you playing on the Switch at the moment? I just started 'Rhythm Paradise Groove'. It's a little tricky to get the timing right but I am improving.

Thank you for telling me about your hair! A fringe is a big change. How are you liking it?

God bless you too! Bear hugs, CK



COUSIN KOALA





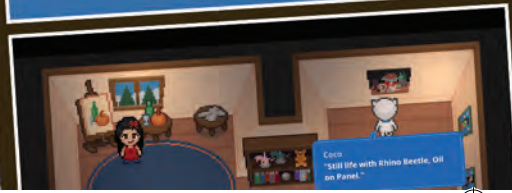
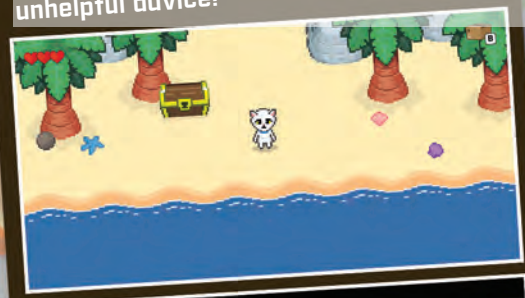
Lock On with BitBoy

BRAVEST COCONUT

A little cat on a big adventure!

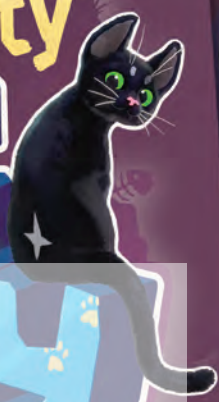
PLATFORM: Steam
AVAILABLE: now

It was supposed to be a simple errand: return a book to the library. But when you're an aspiring adventurer, every quest is an epic quest! 'Bravest Coconut' is a puzzle adventure about a little white cat called Coco armed with curiosity, stubbornness and whatever she can fit in her pockets. The game features a hand-pixelled world with heaps of puzzles and a cast of quirky characters with their own problems, opinions and sometimes unhelpful advice!



Little Kitty

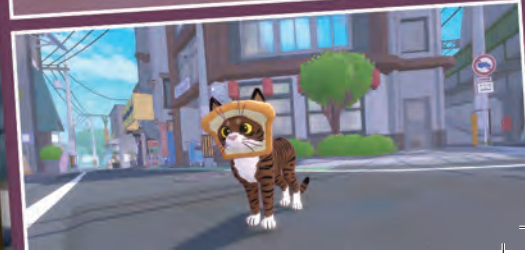
BIG CITY



A peaceful catnap turns into a whimsical adventure!

PLATFORM: Steam, Switch, PS4, PS5, Xbox One, Xbox X|S
AVAILABLE: now

You're a curious little kitty with a big personality, lost in the city. Will you make your way home or will you explore what the big city has to offer first? Take Kitty on an adventure to explore, make new friends, wear delightful hats and leave more than a little chaos in your wake. After all, isn't that what cats do best?



CAT ME IF YOU CAN

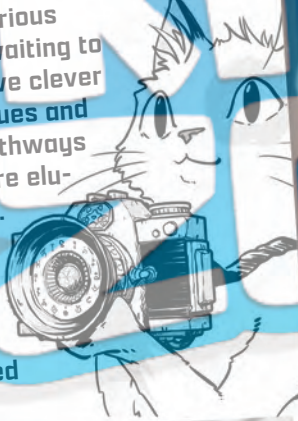
BIBLE MESSAGE

Just like these games, life can be full of mysteries. But one thing that isn't a puzzle to be solved is God's love for you and me. The Bible tells us clearly, there's no code to crack! "But God is very good and kind! He loved us very much," (Ephesians chapter two, verse four#).

Here kitty, kitty!

PLATFORM: Steam, Switch, Xbox X|S
AVAILABLE: soon (demo available now on Steam)

'Cat Me If You Can' is a charming and cosy game where you explore beautifully hand-crafted black-and-white worlds, searching for hidden cats to photograph and bring their colours back into the world. Some cats are hiding behind riddles, locked doors, or curious contraptions just waiting to be figured out. Solve clever puzzles, decode clues and uncover hidden pathways to reveal even more elusive feline friends. Stay sharp - only the keenest observers can uncover the most cleverly concealed fluffballs!



Special delivery

PLATFORM: Steam
AVAILABLE: now

A quiet island. A forgotten post office. And a mountain of undelivered mail. You arrive just in time ... or perhaps a little too late. The former postman has vanished, leaving chaos behind: parcels piled to the ceiling, customers growing impatient, and a once-thriving postal service on the brink of collapse. One package at a time, you'll bring it back to life.



EATS

TUNA PATTIES

what you need:

an adult's help, 425g tin of tuna (drained), ½ cup panko breadcrumbs, 1 large egg, ¼ cup mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons spring onions (finely sliced), ½ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon black pepper, oil

directions:

- 1 Add all ingredients except the oil to a large bowl and mix well.
- 2 With clean hands, form the mixture into 6 patties. Put patties on a plate and cover with plastic wrap. Place in the fridge to chill for at least 30 minutes before cooking.
- 3 Ask an adult to help you heat a couple of tablespoons of oil in a non-stick fry pan over medium heat. Cook patties for 4 to 5 minutes each side until golden.
- 4 Serve warm with mayonnaise or tomato sauce. Yum!



HEY CRAFTY CREW!

CAT SQUEEGEE PAINTING



What you need:

newspaper, white cardstock, poster paint, squeegee (or a flat stiff piece of cardboard, or an old gift card), black felt-tipped pen

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1 Put down some old newspaper on your workspace. For this art piece, the paint needs to be scraped all the way off the paper so it's a little bit messy.

2 Squeeze paint onto the top half of the paper in an elongated 'M' shape or an upside-down 'U'.

3 Place the squeegee directly above the paint line. Press down with even pressure and drag the squeegee down the paper to create a cat-shaped silhouette.

4 Wipe the squeegee clean and repeat the process to paint more cats. If the cats are going to overlap, allow the paint of the first cat to dry completely before adding the next.

5 When all the paint is dry, use a black felt-tipped pen to add detail to the cats: eyes, nose, whiskers, ears etc.



BIBLE MESSAGE

If you've ever had a pet cat (or got to hang out with someone else's), you know how soothing it is to have a feline friend curled up in a ball on your lap, purring away while you stroke its soft, fluffy fur. Animals can add so much happiness to our lives. When we have a pet, we have an extra special responsibility to look after it really, really well. Our pets deserve loads of love and care. "Good people take good care of their animals" (Proverbs chapter 12, verse 10).

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Top 10 famous cats!

GARFIELD

The lasagna-loving, coffee-drinking cartoon cat was created by Jim Davis in 1978. Garfield is the star of comic strips, books, TV shows and movies. He lives with his owner Jon and Odie the dog.



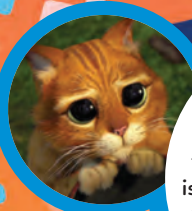
HELLO KITTY

This cute little kitty character was created in Japan in 1974 and first appeared on a vinyl coin purse by the brand Sanrio. Today, Hello Kitty products are sold around the world.



PUSS IN BOOTS

Starting out as a fairytale character in the 1500s, Puss In Boots is better known to modern audiences from the *Shrek* movies and as the star of his own animated films.



NALA CAT

Instagram's most popular real-life cat has more than four million followers! Nala is a Siamese and Tabby mix from Los Angeles and was adopted from an animal shelter as a kitten in 2010. Nala has a merchandise line and her own brand of cat food!



SUPER-KITTIES

Ginny, Sparks, Buddy and Bitsy are a feline foursome of fierce and furry superheroes. They're on a mission to make their town of Kittydale a more caring and pawesome place.



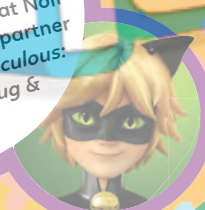
CAT IN THE HAT

Dr. Seuss' most famous character is a rather tall cat in a rather tall hat. He is the star of the famous 1957 children's book and will also star in a brand-new animated film later this year.



CAT NOIR

Cat Noir is the super-hero alter ego of Adrien Agreste, a French student and fashion model. Cat Noir is the crime-fighting partner to Ladybug in *Miraculous: Tales of Ladybug & Cat Noir*.



SYLVESTER CAT

Looney Tunes' favourite feline (whose full name is Sylvester J. Pussycat Sr.) was created in 1945. In cartoons he is often found chasing Tweety Bird and is famous for saying, "Sufferin' succotash!"



CHESHIRE CAT

With a wide, mischievous grin, the Cheshire Cat is a character from Lewis Carroll's classic book, *Alice's Adventures In Wonderland*. The Cheshire Cat can appear and disappear at will, sometimes leaving its grin behind.



PANDY PAWS

Part panda and part cat, Panda Paws is Gabby's best stuffed animal friend in *Gabby's Dollhouse*. Pandy Paws is always up for adventures or snacks, but watch out — he may just surprise you with a HUG ATTACK!



Entries will be judged on artistic merit.



Colouring Competition

Kidzone has three
Nanomals Pawtricia
The Kitty's to give away!

**style may vary*



SEND YOUR ENTRY (BY FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2026) TO:

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Competition winners

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(13 - NSW)

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(9 - NSW)



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Wild Heart
Surprise.



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Marbles

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Collect a
new card
every week!

1. Carefully cut along the dotted line to remove your card from the magazine.
2. Fold in half.
3. Now stick together and you're done!

FAVE BIBLE VERSE
"... think about each other to show love and do good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24)

Pixel is BitBoy's older sister. She is in year seven - the first year of high school! She loves being a big sister though sometimes the house is super noisy! She loves taking photos and wants to be a photographer when she grows up.



- Get out of my room!
- Photos
- Century of
- Dance Academy
- Choc-chip muffins
- Gymnastics
- Pink & green

FAVES

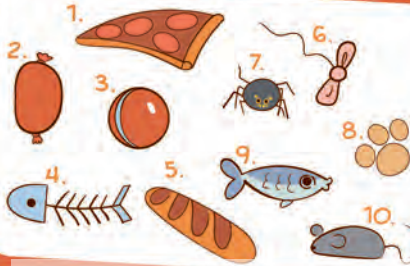
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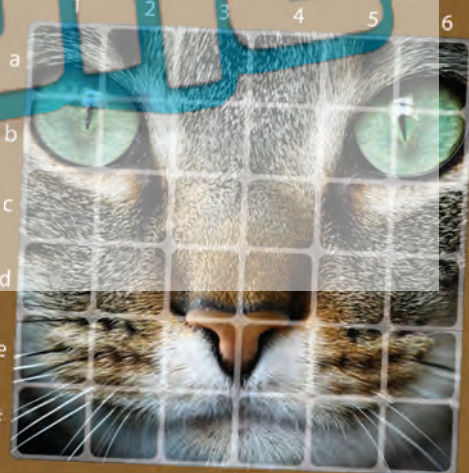
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Have a go at redrawing a cat using the grid provided.

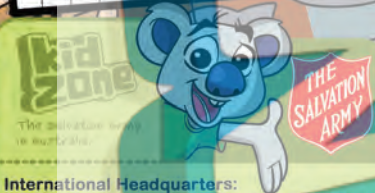


grid it

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



Note: some squares may be rotated.



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