

Eating Oranges

Have you ever eaten an orange with your bare hands? I like the adorably small Clementine oranges. They're easy to peel, taste sweet, and the little slices are so cute! But unless you wash your hands really well after eating one, the smell on your hands will remind you of that cute little orange all day long.

Sometimes it's good to have reminders. I like to be reminded when a bill is due so I don't miss a payment, or when someone's birthday is next week so I don't forget to get them something special.

But some reminders are not always good. Sometimes things can remind us of people that we've lost or of an embarrassing moment that we've tried hard to forget.

Satan likes to remind you of the bad things you've done. He likes to remind you of the times you've failed and of all the horrible things in this world. Bad reminders can have a big affect you if you let them. They can make you discouraged, scared, or worried. They can distract you and keep you from following God's plans for you.

Here's the good news... bad reminders can be like a cute little orange. Go wash your hands! Purposefully choose to get rid of those bad thoughts... those bad reminders... and go find out what God is reminding you of by reading His Word. You have no reason to worry, no reason to fear, and every reason to have faith. Here's one reminder for you right now:

So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with my right hand that saves you. Isaiah 41:10 (NCV)

Complete the maze and color the picture.

