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THE WOMB OF THE EARTH

Instructions: Read the passages, then answer the questions.

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⁴¹ In the grave the chambers of souls are like the womb of a woman

COPY & ANSWER Write this sentence carefully, then answer the questions:

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SHORT ANSWER

What is Sheol?

What is a womb for?

Why do you think the heart of the earth is compared to a womb?

WORD MATCH Match each word to its meaning

SHEOL

SATISFIED

WOMB

SOUL

BARREN

empty, unable to produce life

part of a woman where a baby grows

a person's memories and life experiences

place for the souls of the dead

full or content; doesn't want more

SHORT ANSWER Answer the questions

What does it mean for the earth to “give birth to the dead”? Explain in your own words.

Why do you think people will shout for joy when they rise from the dust?

What would you feel if you woke up after a long time and saw your friends and family again?

SCRIPTURE CONNECTION Answer the questions

Find and write another verse about resurrection or rising from the dead (use Bible, concordance, or ask a parent).

FILL IN THE BLANKS Use the words: earth, rise, dead, joy, dust

But your _____ will live; their bodies will _____. Those who live in the _____ will wake up and shout for _____! For your dew is like the dew of dawn, and the _____ will give birth to the dead.