

Stella Martin's "Second Sight"

Key Word: **Test**

Key Verse: Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" *Matthew 4:7*

Stella knew she had a "gift." Stella thought everyone knew the things she knew and could see the things she could see. Stella could tell her mom what the weather was going to be like, and she knew the name of Katy's new baby long before Katy had chosen it. Stella's mom told her all about her great-grandmother. "You get it from her, she had second sight. You be careful, Stella. It's a gift from God, but don't abuse it." Stella didn't really know what she meant.

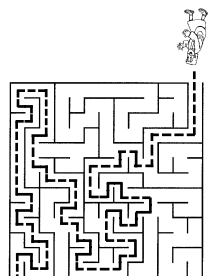
Stella didn't like school. She enjoyed learning, but she hated recess because all the children played together and she was left out. It was very lonely. One day, Hannah came to school looking very upset. She wouldn't talk to anyone, so the class was wondering what had happened. "Her father's gone on a trip." Stella told them. The words were out of her mouth before she had time to think. The class asked Stella, "How do you know? What do you mean?" Stella knew where Hannah's father had gone. Did she have the right to tell the others? No one said it was secret. "He's gone to Dubai," one of the Arab states. He's gone to work for the Embassy there, and he won't be home until Christmas. That's why Hannah's crying."

Stella found using her "gift" made her the most popular person in the class and she began to use her gift for herself. But then she noticed it was becoming more difficult to "see" anything. She knew that she had abused her gift, and remembered her mother's warning. Stella went home and cried because her gift had hurt Hannah. She cried because she had betrayed God. Then she prayed for help. The next morning, Stella knew what she must do. She must never use her gift for herself ever again, only to *help* other people. She was sure her new friends would leave her lonely once more, but to her surprise, she discovered her new friends liked her for herself. They forgot she'd ever had the "gift." Stella learned how to enjoy friends, and to quietly use her gift so that no one knew about it. She found she was happy, and her gift grew stronger, but she kept so quiet about it that no one knew.

Questions

Why did Stella feel she had betrayed God?

What tests did Jesus have to face?



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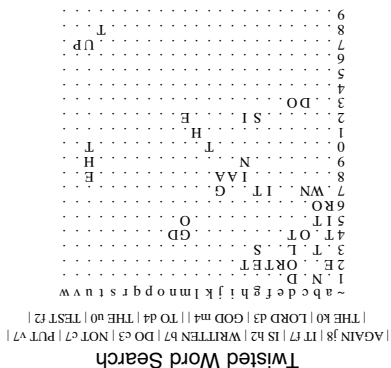
Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.

Letter Tile Puzzle

Answers

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story is from **Matthew 4:1-11**



Twisted Word Search

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Find each of the words in the verse in the puzzle. If a word appears more than once, you must find it more than once. Remember, words in a twisted word search **DO NOT** always go in a straight line! One word has been done for you.

Matthew 4:7

**“AGAIN IT IS ~~WRITTEN,~~
‘DO NOT PUT THE LORD GOD TO THE TEST.’”**

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Letter Tile Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today’s Gospel story. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.

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In today’s Gospel lesson, Jesus shows us how to stand strong against temptation. Help these men flee temptation and find their peace with Jesus.

