

JESUS TEACHES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

[Jerusalem] — While he was in Jerusalem, the big city that was the capital of his country, Jesus had a visitor one night after almost everybody was in bed. The man's name was Nicodemus, and he wanted to learn everything he could about God's kingdom. Nicodemus came at night because he didn't want his friends to see where he was going.

Jesus talked to Nicodemus about God. He told him God had sent his Son into the world to help and love and save them. Jesus said God's Son was not just for a few people. He came for the whole world. Nicodemus, who thought God probably loved Jews the best, was amazed to hear Jesus say that.

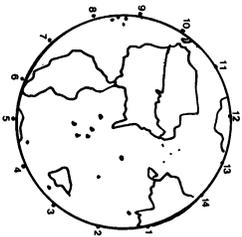
Then Jesus told Nicodemus that God does not want to punish people, even when they're bad. He said, "God came to save the world, not to condemn it." Nicodemus decided what Jesus was telling him was the best news he had ever heard.

John 3:16-17

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SON OF GOD	JESUS
PEOPLE	EVENING
JERUSALEM	CITY
NIGHT	SURPRISED
AMAZED	VISITOR

MATCHING WORDS



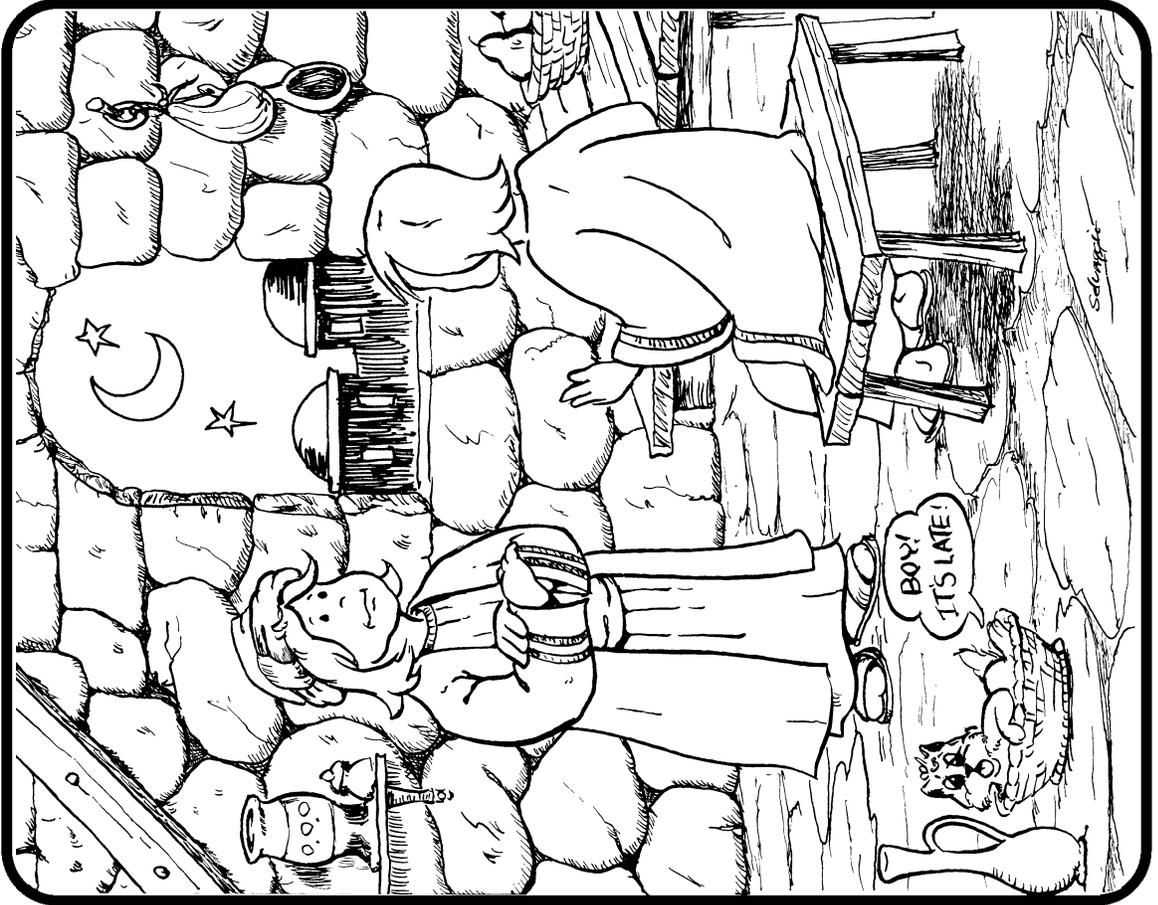
ANSWERS

PICTURE DIFFERENCES:

1. Star
2. Pear became an apple
3. Gourd on wall
4. Sleeve stripes
5. Bench legs
6. Jar

Gospel Grams

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Finish The Picture. Connect all the numbers to draw a picture of a place where people are whom God loves. When you're finished, color the picture of shade it with your pencil.



Matching Words. Here are some words from today's Gospel story. Can you match the ones on the left side with the correct ones on the right side? The first one is done for you.

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| NICODEMUS | WORLD |
| SON OF GOD | JESUS |
| PEOPLE | EVENING |
| JERUSALEM | CITY |
| NIGHT | SURPRISED |
| AMAZED | VISITOR |

Picture Differences. Nicodemus and Jesus talked and talked. Below are two pictures of them but one is a little different from the other. Can you find and circle 6 differences?

