

A SECRET MEETING AFTER DARK

(Jerusalem) — When Jesus taught the people in the big city of Jerusalem, they would crowd around him to learn about God. But some people who wanted to listen to Jesus were afraid to come during the daylight. They didn't want Jesus' enemies to see them there and make fun of them for listening.

One man, named Nicodemus, decided to come to Jesus in the middle of the night. That way he knew nobody would find out that he was listening to Jesus.

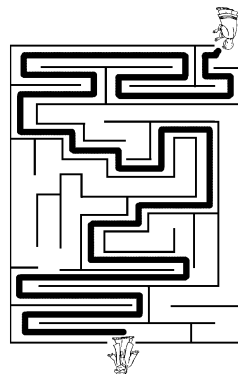
Jesus told Nicodemus what God was like. He said God is our Father, who loves the whole world and everybody in it. The Father's Son is also God. The Son came to our world to save us from the Evil One who wants to keep us all from trusting God.

And, Jesus said, God is a Spirit who can change our old lives into brand new ones. In all three ways God loves and helps us.

John 3:1-17

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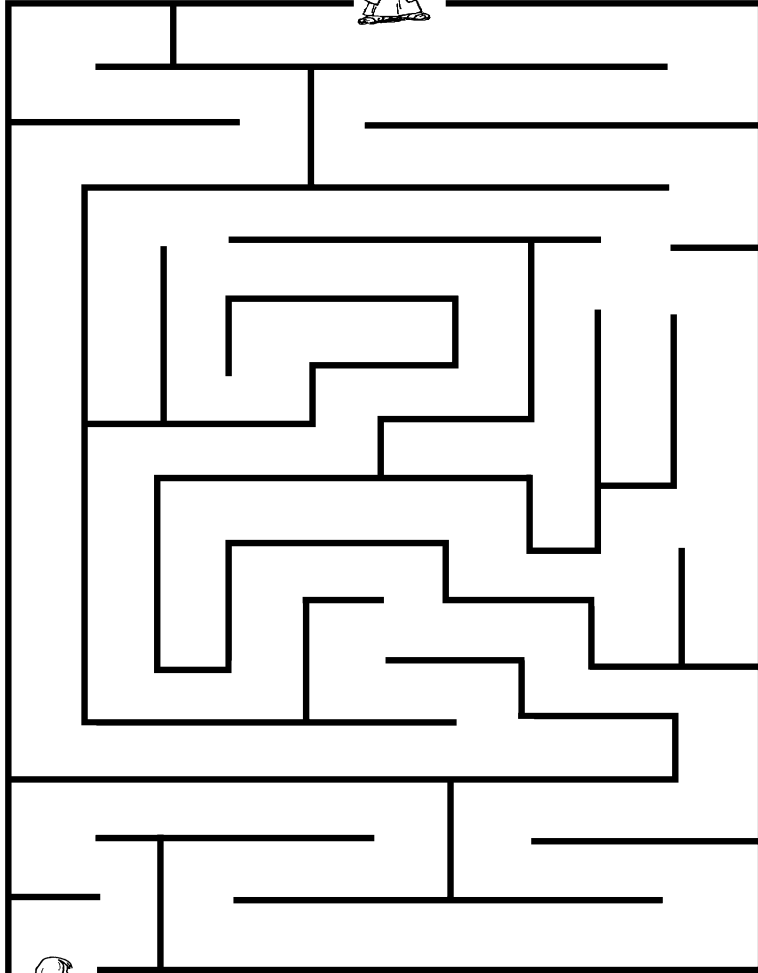
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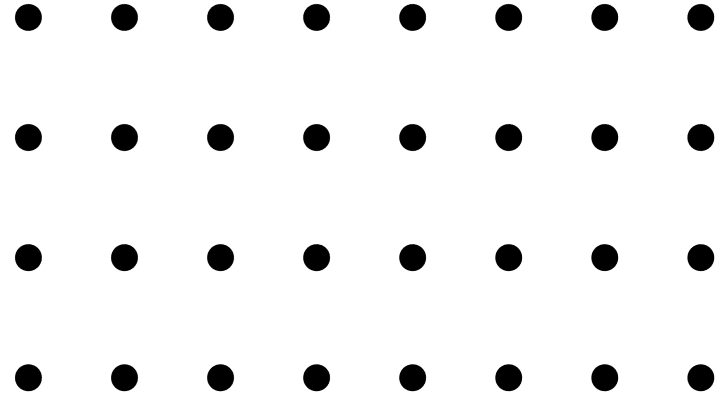
SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Find The Path. It is easy to get lost when you go traveling in the dark. Nicodemus could have gotten lost on the way to finding Jesus. Help Nicodemus find the way. Draw a line showing him how to get to where Jesus is staying.



Make a Square. Play this fun game with a friend. Each of you takes turns connecting two lines together. When your line completes a square, you win that square. When you win a square, either write your initial in it or color it your color. Then you get another turn! The one with the most squares wins!



Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "I like staying in my gopher hole at night. But some people go visiting after it is dark. Nicodemus was a person like that. He visited Jesus at night. Using the letters in Nicodemus' name, how many new words can you spell? I found 36 of them!"

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