

LEARN TO TRUST GOD, JESUS SAYS

(Near the Jordan River) — Jesus' friends, the twelve disciples, wanted to help Jesus do his teaching and preaching. They knew he was busy and that there were always too many people for him to help.

One way the disciples decided they could help Jesus would be to keep people who would only bother him away from Jesus. They decided not to let little children get too close to Jesus because little children might not understand what Jesus was saying anyway.

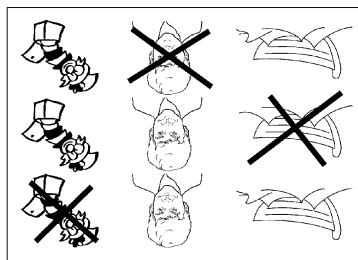
Jesus found out. He was not happy. He said to his followers, "Everybody needs to learn to trust God. Little children already know how to do that. When I teach them, they are not like grownups. They believe what they hear without asking questions. We should let the children come whenever they want to. We can learn from them."

Mark 10:2-16

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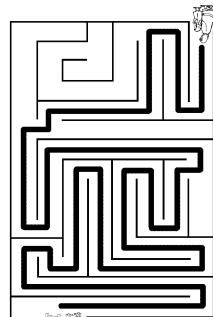
JESUS LOVES CHILDREN.

HIDDEN MESSAGE:



PICK THE DIFFERENCE:

ANSWERS



FOLLOW THE PATH:

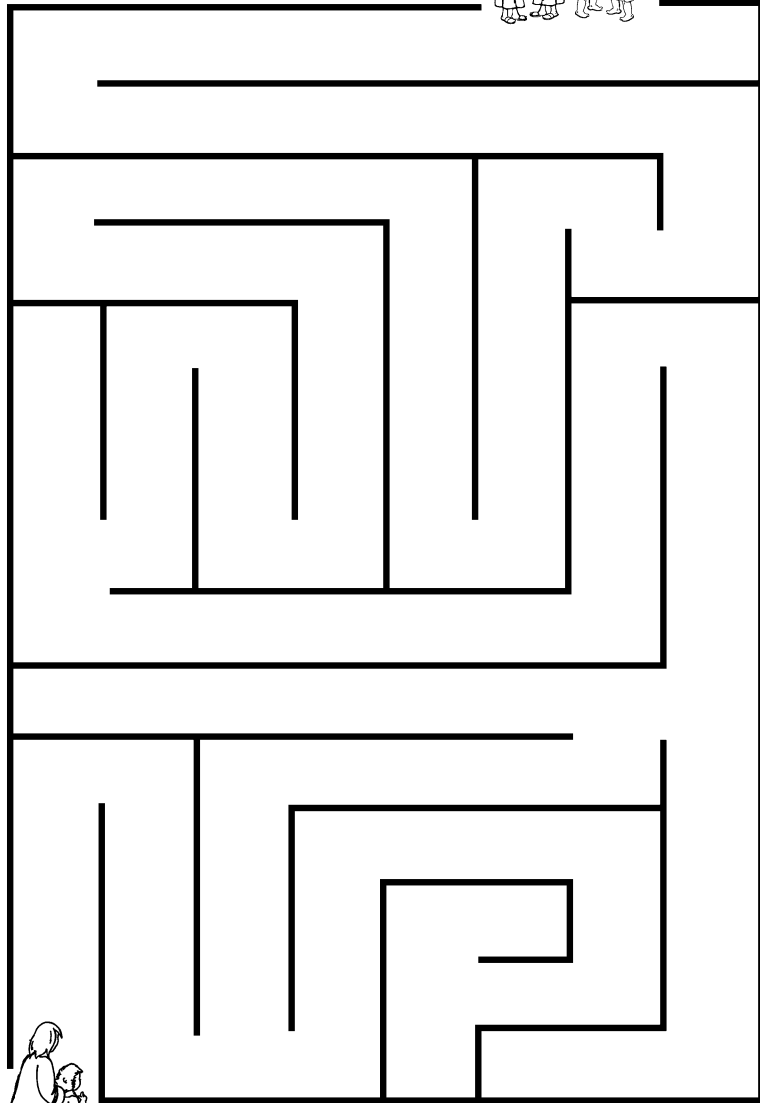
GOSPEL GRAMS



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Follow The Path. Sometimes adults forget how important children are. Jesus never forgot about children. He said he wants them close to him. Help these children find their way to Jesus. Draw a line showing them the right path to take.



Pick The Difference. Here are sets of three similar pictures. One in each group of three is different. When you find the one that is different, draw a big "X" through it.



Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "Have you ever heard somebody say, 'Why don't you grow up!?' In today's Gospel story, some people heard Jesus say, 'Why don't you act like children!' That's a surprise, isn't it? Here's a hidden message to help you discover what Jesus thought of children. Use the code to fill in the blanks. Find all the letters with the number 1 to spell the first word. Do the same with words 2 and 3."

CODE

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