

What Matters?

Key Words: **Foundation**

Key Verse: “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.” *Matthew 7:24*

When Lucy moved to a new house, she was very excited. Right next door lived a girl, Martha, who would be in the same class. Lucy dreamed of the wonderful times she and Martha would have together, so Lucy would never be lonely again. Life would be perfect. But it didn't work out quite like that. Martha was the loveliest person Lucy had ever seen, she even had perfect teeth. Lucy wore braces and was embarrassed. The two became friends, but they were never close. They played together at home, but at school Lucy was left out. Martha ignored Lucy so much that Lucy began to wonder whether she just imagined the times they'd played at home.

Martha was at the top of the class in every subject. Lucy struggled with school work. Lucy tried something new. She began to make friends with all those at school who didn't fit in well, and she found they were really nice and cared a lot about her. She struggled and she worked hard.

At the school awards Lucy watched Martha collect an award in all her classes. Then the principal paused. “We have a special prize this year,” he said. “Until now, our prizes have been given for

academics, but this year we wanted to say something about life and about character. Important as academic achievement is, we feel there is something even more important — the way people are, the amount they give to other people by listening to them and caring about them. The way they show love for other people.” The principal called out, “Lucy Dingall!” He explained that Lucy was new, but had helped many children to blossom in school for the first time, simply by being truly friendly. “Genuine friendship is a sign of real love,” he concluded, “and Lucy has been outstanding. Our school is a better place because of Lucy Dingall.”

Lucy realized for the first time how much richer she was than Martha. Martha had everything she wanted but nothing that really mattered, and Lucy thanked God for giving her the gift of love.

Questions

Why is it important to be a good friend to others?

Jesus said we all need to do the will of his father. What did he mean?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 7:21-29



1. Fold in sash
2. Grass is missing
3. Cricket is smaller
4. Headress has band
5. Eyes are different
6. Mouth is different
7. Hair is wavier
8. Window is larger
9. Some rain is missing
10. Ears are missing

1. HUMANS H
2. BEAVER G
3. RABBIT B
4. LION C
5. HORSE C
6. BAT J
7. BEE A
8. CHICKEN D
9. SPIDER F
10. SNAKE E

1. Heaven
2. Words
3. Evildoers
6. House

4. Fall
5. Rain
7. Demons
8. Rock
9. Power
10. Sand

Crossword Puzzle

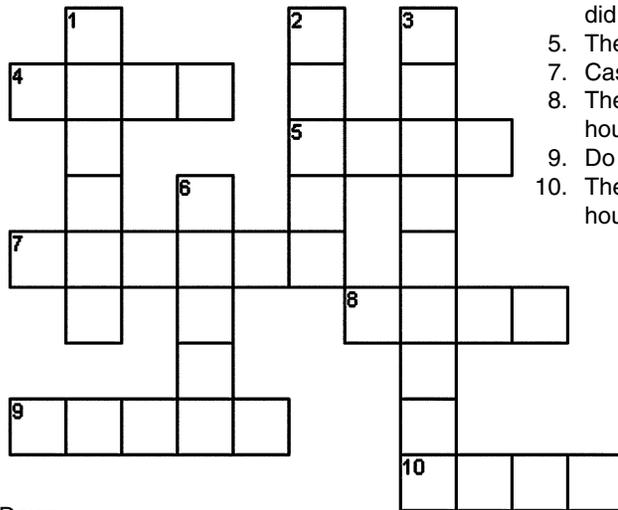
Together Again

ANSWERS

Picture Differences

Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel story. Read the clues. Then fill in the squares below with the answers to the questions.



Across

4. The foolish man's house did this
5. The ____ fell, the floods came
7. Cast out these in his name
8. The wise man build his house here
9. Do deeds of this
10. The foolish man built his house here

Down

1. Kindom of ____
2. Hear these ____ of mine
3. They go away from him
6. The wise man built a strong one

Together Again

Unscramble the name of the animal in the first column then put the letter of the animal's home in the blank.

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| 1. HMUNAS | _____ | A. HIVE |
| 2. VAREBE | _____ | B. BURROW |
| 3. BIRABT | _____ | C. STABLE |
| 4. OLIN | _____ | D. COOP |
| 5. ESHRO | _____ | E. NEST |
| 6. TAB | _____ | F. WEB |
| 7. EBE | _____ | G. LODGE |
| 8. NCKEIH | _____ | H. HOUSE |
| 9. DISEPR | _____ | I. LAIR |
| 10. ANKES | _____ | J. CAVE |

Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are ten differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in each drawing then check the answers on the back.

