

True Friends

Key Word: **Respect**

Key Verse: "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted." *Matthew 23:12*

Devin was an only child and his parents were very rich. His mom always told him, "Devin, you are divine." She didn't mean he was really divine, but she did treat him like he was royalty. Devin had every new toy that came out. He had a flat-screen television in his room. He had new clothes and shoes every week. At school Devin acted like he was a prince.

Taylor came from a family with three sisters and two brothers, and his parents worked hard, but they were not rich. Taylor had to share his toys and wear hand-me-downs, but he loved his family and he had many friends at school.

Devin's family would take his classmates on trips and big adventures and it would be fun, but these friends never felt very close to Devin. Taylor's family would have picnics and campouts with his friends and without spending much money they all had a wonderful time. Taylor's friends always felt like part of his family and they shared all of his joys and sadnesses.

At the beginning of the school year the class had to vote for someone to represent them at the student meetings. Devin wanted to be in charge. He put up fancy posters and printed up buttons asking students to vote for him.

Taylor's friends wanted him to be selected, so they colored handmade posters and signs and told everyone to vote for Taylor.

When the votes were counted, Taylor had won. Devin was upset. He had always had everything go his way and now he felt angry. The rest of the year, Taylor tried to make him a part of the decisions, but Devin never got over being upset.

Questions

1. Why didn't Devin win the most votes?
2. Do you know someone like Devin? How can you help them be a better friend?

- Picture Differences
1. Table leg different
 2. Wrinkle in wrap missing
 3. Solid color in wrinkle
 4. Wrinkle on tent
 5. Stripe in turban missing
 6. Wrinkle in left hand
 7. Wrinkle in right hand
 8. Words on scroll missing
 9. Darkened side of jacket
 10. Top of tent pole missing

- Some possible words are:
- Boggle
- | | |
|-------|---------|
| SEEN | BEE |
| SHE | BEES |
| SHEEN | BEING |
| SHIES | BEINGS |
| SHIN | BUS |
| SHINE | BUSSING |
| SHOE | HEN |
| SIGN | HOE |
| SIN | HOES |
| SING | HOSE |
| SUB | HOUSE |
| SUE | HOUSING |
| USE | HUES |
| USING | HIGH |
| SEE | SEE |

- Fallen Letter Puzzle
- Beating his breast and saying, "God be merciful to me, a sinner!"

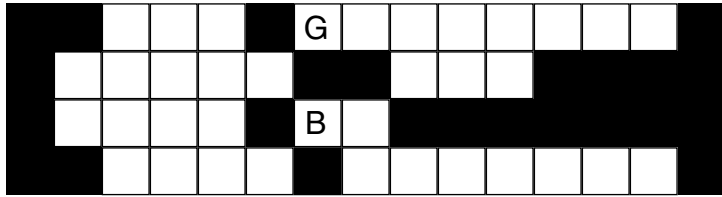
Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story is from **Matthew 23:1-12**



Fallen Letter Puzzle

Place one letter from each column into the spaces above to rebuild the words.
The phrase is a verse in today's Gospel story, Matthew 23:1-12. One column has been done for you!



W Y O E G ~~B~~ S Y R T A S T
A I O L ~~R~~ E A V E N T
M L U E E O U
T H N R

Boggle

How many words can you make with this table of letters? Form words by using letters that touch. Words can go forward, backward, diagonal, up, or down. Each letter tile can only be used once per word.

E	N	G	C
E	H	I	S
S	O	U	E
E	E	E	B

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are 10 differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in each drawing then check the answers on the back.

