

# Uncle Sol's Visit

Key Words: **Keep Alert**

Key Verse: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." *Mark 13:31*

Uncle Sol's upcoming visit meant there would be a long walk in the country, and Uncle Sol made them the most exciting things Ben had ever experienced. His sister, Lisa, hated the country, and those walks were not her idea of fun.

Uncle Sol, pleased to see them, hugged them both then turned toward the door. Ben almost ran to the car as Lisa slouched into her coat and glared moodily. Uncle Sol drove for half an hour then he turned off the road and parked. Neither of the children had been there before, and Ben looked around with interest. "Over here, Uncle Sol," he called. "The grass is really trampled down here, and I'm sure there's a smell of fox in the air."

"Well done, Ben," Uncle Sol said. "I believe you're right. Look near that big tree. I think it might be the fox's den." Lisa sighed. The whole morning would be spent searching for deer tracks and last season's birds' nests. She wasn't the least bit interested. Still, she followed along behind her brother and Uncle Sol, trying to appear interested whenever Uncle Sol pointed out some marvel of the countryside.

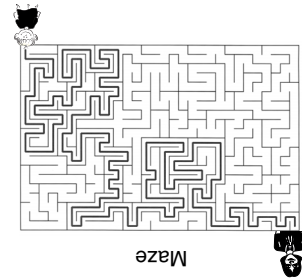
Uncle Sol and Ben were following deer tracks deep into the woods and seemed to think they might spot a deer.

Lisa was freezing and getting grouzier when Uncle Sol grabbed both their arms. "Look," he whispered, pointing through the undergrowth. Lisa felt so miserable that she didn't care if she ever saw a silly deer, but Ben was very happy. "This is the most wonderful day of my life," he breathed. He and Uncle Sol shared a moment of pure joy as they watched the deer come into focus. Lisa caught a glimpse of the deer and agreed it was quite a sight, but she was aching to go home.

Ben never forgot that day. He became a naturalist when he grew up. Lisa became a fashion model. She went to live in the city, and never visited the country again. Uncle Sol went on loving both of them. He saw a lot of Ben, but only saw Lisa when she came home for the holidays. Uncle Sol always did his best for Lisa, but she drifted further away until he became only a distant memory for her. She never did learn to love the country.

## Questions

1. Why did Lisa hate being in the country?
2. Why is it important to do family things even if you don't enjoy them very much?



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**Answers**

Boggle  
Some possible words are:

Obese	Gene	Been	Bee
One	Gene	Bees	
Ones	Genes	Bees	
Seen	Gush	Beg	
She	Guess	Bone	
Sheen	Issue	Bones	
Sue	Nob	Cheese	
Use	Nobs	Cheeses	

Letter Tile Puzzle  
And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

# Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story  
is from  
**Mark 13:24-37**



### Letter Tile Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.

SAY	I	AY	EP	AL	TO
WH	AWA	AND	I S	TO	L :
AT	YOU	KE.	KE		


### 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.

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

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

### Maze

Today's Gospel story teaches us that we should always keep in mind that Jesus could come back at any time to take us all up to heaven with him. We should live good lives and always be ready, just in case Jesus comes back today. Jimmy's grandmother is surprising him with a visit. Help her find her way to see Jimmy. (I hope his room is clean!)

