

Keeping A Secret

Key Word: Proclaim

Verse: But he went out and began to proclaim it freely.... *Mark 1:45*

Once upon a time in a little village lived a tiny, old lady who made wonderful cakes. She made cakes in all shapes and sizes and flavors. If she knew there was a special occasion in someone's home, she would bake a cake and wrap it neatly in a box with ribbon and while everyone was sleeping she would sneak over and place the cake in a safe place so that in the morning it would be the first thing the family saw.

She baked cakes for birthdays, anniversaries, honor roll graduates, new babies, engagements, and all kinds of wonderful events. Because the village was not very big, she could bake the cakes and deliver them without feeling rushed or pressured.

One evening it had snowed and she had made beautiful blue frosting on a cake for a new blue-eyed baby. She didn't see it in the dark, but the frosting dripped in the snow, leaving a little path from her house to the house where she delivered the cake. When

the morning came, the baby's dad was knocking on her door.

"It's you," he said, "you have been bringing all of us these wonderful cakes for years, haven't you?" The tiny, old lady nodded yes, but she asked the new dad to keep it a secret.

"If you tell everyone this secret, I will have so many orders I will not be able to keep filling them."

The new dad went home and thought about what she said, but he was so excited about knowing the secret that he told his wife and his brother and his aunt and his doctor. Of course, those people told more people and soon it was just like the tiny, old lady had said. She had so many orders that she could not keep up. So she packed up and moved away.

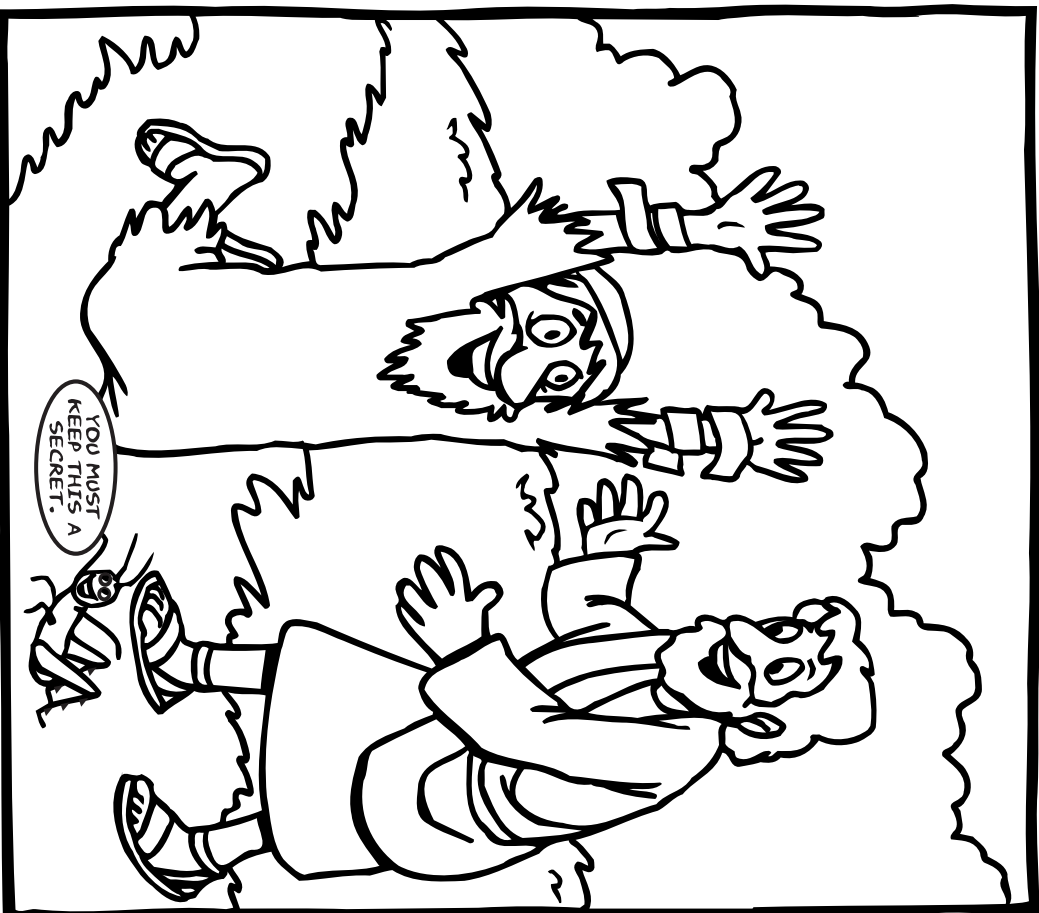
Questions

Why is it so hard to keep a secret?

Why did Jesus want the healed leper to keep a secret?

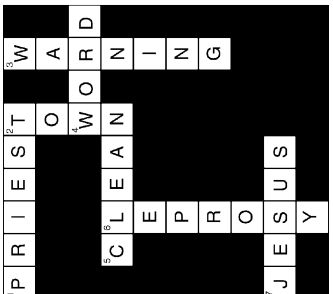
Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Mark 1:40-45



Picture Differences

1. Bird
2. Arm Bandage
3. Sandal Strap
4. Mouth
5. Sun
6. Hat
7. Bush
8. Ear
9. Beard
10. Hand



Crossword Puzzle

Answers

Letter Tile Puzzle

IMMEDIATELY THE LEPROSY
LEFT HIM, AND HE WAS
MADE CLEAN.

Letter Tile Puzzle

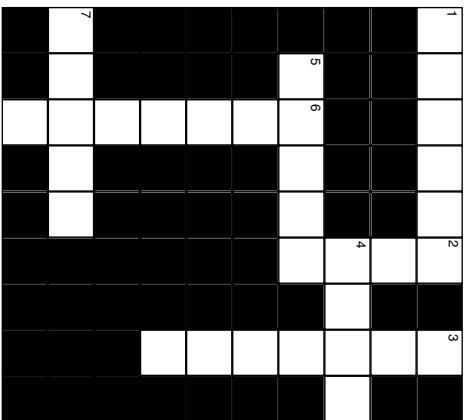
Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks in the letter tiles.

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Crossword Puzzle

Fill in this crossword using clues from today's Gospel story.

- ACROSS**
- Show yourself to the _____. (vs. 44)
 - He went out and spread the _____. (vs. 45)
 - You can make me _____. (vs. 40)
 - _____ touched him. (vs. 41)
- DOWN**
- Jesus could no longer go into a _____. (vs. 45)
 - Jesus gave the healed man a stern _____. (vs. 43)
 - A man came to Jesus with a disease called _____. (vs. 42)



Picture Differences

In the Gospel story pictures below there are 10 differences. Circle each one as you find it.

