

Praxis Brings Some Friends

Key Word: **Draw**

Key Verse: Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. *John 12:24*

Praxis the colorful pixie was a bright pink. He felt extremely well and healthy. He was very excited because the wise old pixie was coming to visit. The wise old pixie was the only other pixie in the whole world (as far as Praxis knew) who changed color according to his feelings. He was so old and so wise, that mostly he was shining white, unlike Praxis who could be any color of the rainbow. Praxis was so happy he began dancing in the woods. He was so excited that he didn't notice where he was going, and he found himself lost in the woods. Praxis heard a twig crack behind him and he spun around in alarm. He noticed that he was turning purple, a sure sign of his fear.

A band of goblins began to gather around Praxis. All the pixies had been warned to keep away from goblins, for goblins were no good. Praxis tried to sneak away, but the goblins had noticed him. Praxis tried to smile, but his skin remained a terrified purple. "Are you from that pixie village in the glade?" one of the goblins asked. "Who wants to know?" Praxis replied. The goblins started to laugh and jeer at him. "We're the goblin outcasts,"

they sang. "We have no homes, and no friends, and everybody's afraid of us." "We want to see the wise, old pixie," said the goblin's leader.

Praxis always thought of the wise old pixie as belonging only to the pixies. Praxis thought the wise old pixie wouldn't mind seeing them just this once. So he brought them to him. As they walked through the woods, Praxis began to know them a little, and his purple shade quieted down. By the time they reached the pixie glade, he was a warm, gentle pink.

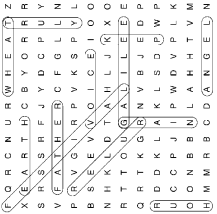
When they reached the wise old pixie, the wise old pixie smiled and held out his arms. He was a brilliant, shining white, and the goblins crowded around, talking to him and listening to him. As Praxis went off to play with his friends, his skin became a warm orange color, for somehow he knew that he'd done the right thing.

Questions

Why was Praxis afraid of the goblins?

Do you think Jesus was afraid to die?

10. ARM
9. HAIR
8. SASH
7. NECKLACE
6. DRINK
5. TASSEL
4. HAT
3. SKIRT
2. MOUTH
1. BEARD



Answers

LETTER TILE PUZZLE
ALL PEOPLE TO MYSELF.
FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW
UP WHEN I AM LIFTED UP
AND



Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
John 12:20-33

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.

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Word Find Puzzle

Here are twelve words from today's Gospel story. Some are printed upside down, backwards, or at an angle. One is done for you. How many can you find?

Word List:

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| GALILEE | S | R | S | S | R | F | J | Y | D | C | P | U | R |
| HOOR | V | F | A | T | H | E | R | C | F | G | L | L | N |
| TRULY | P | R | V | G | I | R | P | V | K | S | P | Y | L |
| GRAIN | B | S | E | E | V | V | O | I | C | E | I | O | O |
| WHEAT | N | H | K | L | D | T | A | H | L | J | K | X | O |
| KEEP | R | T | T | O | U | G | A | L | I | L | E | E | E |
| FATHER | Q | R | T | K | G | R | N | V | B | J | E | D | P |
| ANGEL | R | D | D | K | L | A | K | L | S | D | P | W | P |
| VOICE | U | C | C | P | J | I | P | W | D | V | P | L | K |
| RULER | O | O | N | B | B | N | L | A | H | H | T | V | M |
| EARTH | H | M | M | R | B | C | D | A | N | G | E | L | N |

Picture Differences Puzzle

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

