

Lone Star

Key Word: Leader

Key Verse: I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness.... *John 1:22b*

Lone Star planted his front paws firmly on the rock at the top of the hill, opened his mouth, and howled loud and long. The humans who lived at the foot of the hill shivered, and locked the doors and windows more securely. The cry of the wolf spelled danger to them. But the wolf pack smuggled down contentedly knowing that Lone Star was looking out for them. There was only one response to Lone Star: A faint wolf echo returned to him from a distant peak. Lone Star relaxed a little. They were alone in the hills, so the pack was safe for the moment.

Lone Star had a difficult job. He had to be alert for signs of danger to the pack. He had often saved the pack from enemies. He was regarded by the whole pack as one of their brightest stars, but it was a lonely job. Even during the day Lone Star was tuned for any sign of danger, so that his senses were now highly coordinated. One day the elders approached him. "Lone Star, you've proved your worth," they began. "All the youngsters admire and love you, you've kept us together, and free from danger. We want you to be our leader. What do you say?"

Lone Star shook his gray head. "I'm not your leader. I'm here to make

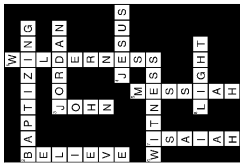
everything ready for the new leader. I've been chosen to protect the pack, to teach the young cubs the right ways, and to keep a proper lookout. Another wolf is coming very soon. When he appears you'll all recognize him, he'll be like a silver cloud."

The next night, Lone Star took up his position and howled. This time his cry was answered. Lone Star scanned the skyline and spotted the outline of a single wolf. Lone Star felt a strange excitement. He howled again, and was answered by the stranger, this time a little nearer. Lone Star directed the stranger closer toward the pack. The new wolf emerged in the clearing, and as he stood silently in the moonlight his coat shone like silver. Lone Star had never seen any wolf so beautiful. He knew instinctively this was the new leader. Lone Star offered the stranger the leadership position. As he did so, Lone Star felt joy and happiness inside. Lone Star knew his job was over. "Silver Cloud!" he breathed. He knew they would follow this wolf always.

Questions

Who does John say we are to prepare for?

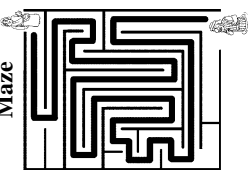
What was Lone Star's real job?



Crossword Puzzle

Letter Tile Puzzle
HE HIMSELF WAS NOT THE LIGHT, BUT HE CAME TO TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT.

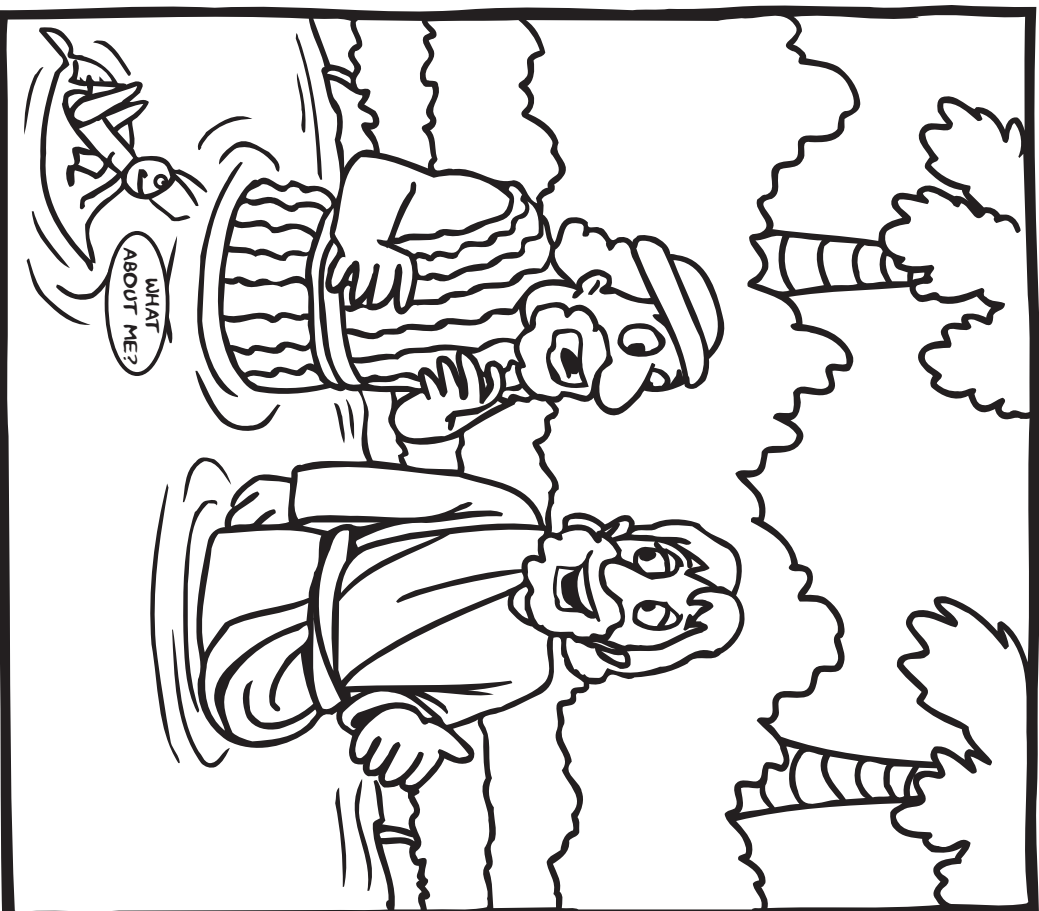
Answers



Maze

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
John 1:6-8, 19-28



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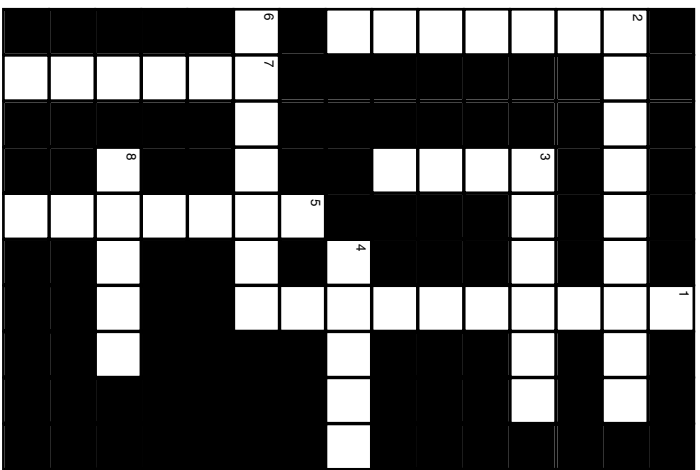
Fill in this crossword using clues from today's Gospel story.

ACROSS

- They asked him, "Why then are you ___?" (vs. 25)
- This took place in Bethany across the ___. (vs. 28)
- Who John is talking about in vs. 27.
- John came as a ___. (vs. 7)
- He came to testify to the ___. (vs. 7)

DOWN

- His voice cried out in the ___. (vs. 23)
- John came to testify so that all might ___. (vs. 7)
- A man sent from God. (vs. 6)
- John confessed, "I am not the ___." (vs. 20)
- In vs. 23, John quoted the prophet ___.



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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Maze

Jesus is going to find John the Baptizer to be baptized. There are some obstacles in the way. With a pencil draw a path from Jesus to where John is baptizing people in the Jordan River.

