

Tony's Experiment

Key Word: Manna

Key Verse: He gave them bread from heaven to eat. *John 6:31b*

"Mom," Tony said, "Could we try an experiment?" "What sort of experiment?" she asked. "Well," said Tony, "you're always telling me I have to eat foods because they're good for me. But I won't know that for myself unless you let me eat things that might be bad for me and prove it! Let me eat anything I like for six months, then if I'm ill or anything happens I'll go right back to eating all the good foods and never complain again. How about that?" His mother frowned, but she nodded. "All right," she said. "That will take us until February. We'll just see what happens."

Tony couldn't believe his luck. He was already planning his school lunches. He'd have chips and cookies and soda until they came out of his ears, and his friends would be envious. He started his experiment immediately. He bought a huge bar of chocolate and ate it all. He felt a little sick afterward, but he washed it down with a whole bottle of soda. He woke up in the middle of the night feeling hungry, so he went downstairs and had a bowl of ice cream.

And so it went. He was much more hungry than he used to be, and he had to eat a whole lot more, but he really

enjoyed everything he was eating. He could eat a whole box of chocolates all by himself. He didn't feel ill, but he couldn't run as much. He had stopped playing football and riding his bike, but he played more video games. In January, they had school pictures. Tony always enjoyed them and it was a nice gift to send to the grandparents. He sat in front of the camera and beamed. When the pictures came back, Tony was horrified. He couldn't believe he was looking at himself. His face was huge and his eyes almost disappeared into it. He hadn't noticed he'd grown fat.

He didn't show the pictures to his mother, but he quietly said to her, "Could I have your sandwiches for lunch tomorrow, please?" She looked at him, and a smile hovered around the corners of her mouth. She simply nodded. "Of course you can," she said.

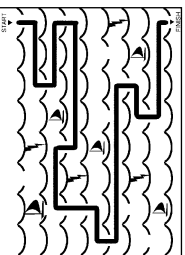
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Why did Tony want to change what he was eating?

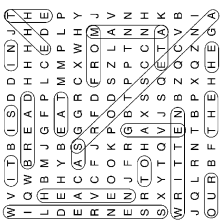
What did Jesus tell the crowd about the manna in the wilderness?

Message: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.

- WORD JUMBLE**
- WILDERNESS
 - PERISHES
 - DISCIPLES
 - MANNA
 - ANCESTORS
 - WORLD
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 - HEAVEN
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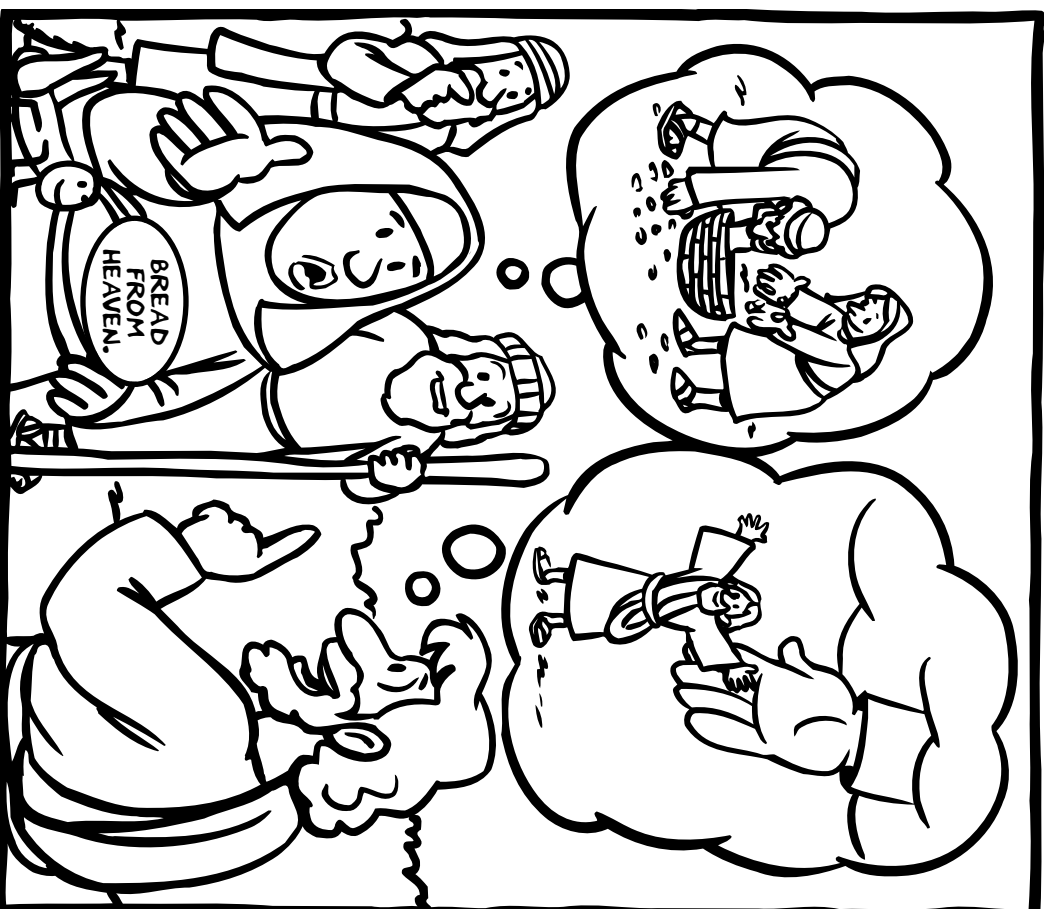
MAZE



WORD FIND

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story is from **John 6:24-35**



Word Find

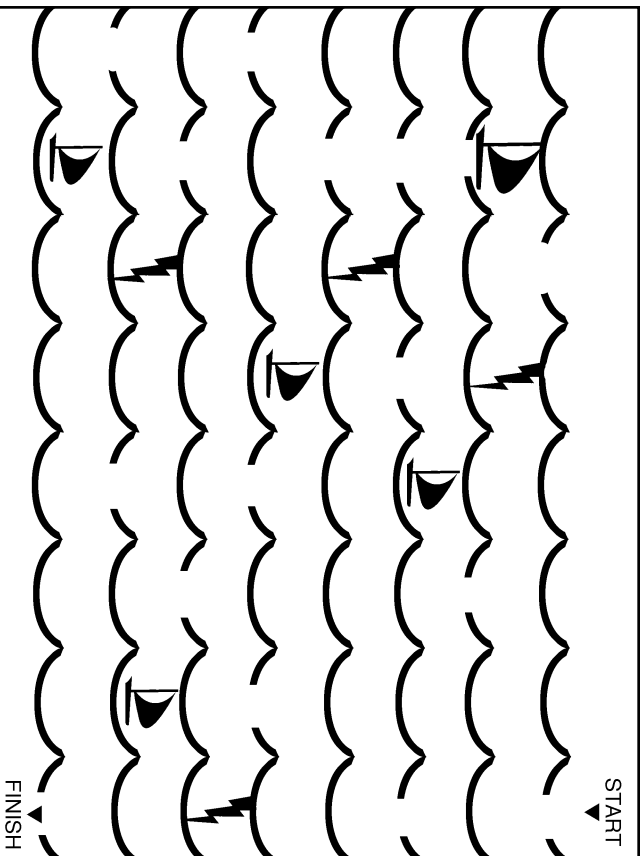
The words of this Bible verse are hidden in the puzzle. Circle each word as you find it. The first one is done for you.

OUR ANCESTORS
ATE THE MANNA IN
THE WILDERNESS;
AS IT IS WRITTEN,
"HE GAVE THEM
BREAD FROM
HEAVEN TO EAT."
John 6:31

W V I T B I S D D I N J T
I Q W B R E A D H H H H
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Maze

The crowd of people listening to Jesus' teaching must cross the lake to join him on the other side. Find the path through the water they must take, avoiding the storms and other boats on the lake.



Word Jumble

Unscramble these words found in today's Gospel story. Then place the numbered letters in the boxes at the bottom to complete the special message from the lesson.

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