

Cat And Mouse Games

Key Word: Intentions

Key Verse: You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.

Mark 7:8

Fluffy Cat had a terrible argument with her best friend, Toby Mouse, and now she had no one to play with. This started when Toby Mouse drank all the cream from her dish. Fluffy Cat felt angry enough to sit outside Toby Mouse's hole, silently waiting to pounce. Fluffy Cat would say to herself, "If only that pesky mouse would say he's sorry, and then we could be friends again." Fluffy Cat forgot that Toby Mouse had tried to apologize, but she had been so furious at the time that she hadn't given him a chance.

Toby Mouse heaved a great sigh. If only Fluffy Cat would apologize. She'd always told him to help himself to anything he wanted, so by finishing the whole dish of cream he'd simply obeyed her instructions. When he'd invited her to tea in his room in an attempt to make up, she'd totally ignored him. Toby Mouse forgot that Fluffy Cat was much too big to be able to enter his tiny home.

Once or twice, Toby Mouse was so lonely he felt close to saying sorry—even though he wasn't to blame. Once or twice, Fluffy Cat was so lonely that she felt close to saying sorry—even though she wasn't to blame. Hatred started to grow between them.

One day, Fluffy Cat heard a high squeaking sound from a wiry contraption on the kitchen floor. She realized that it was Toby Mouse. He'd eaten the cheese, and was caught in the trap. Fluffy Cat leaped down and was beside Toby Mouse in a single bound.

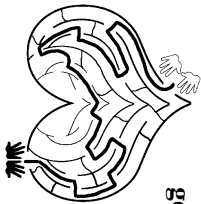
"Are you hurt?" she kept asking. "Oh, it's my fault. If you hadn't been hungry, you wouldn't have gone after that cheese. It's all because I wouldn't let you share my meals." Toby Mouse knew he couldn't let Fluffy Cat take all the blame. "No," he squeaked, "it was me. I started it. I was so greedy I drank all your cream. Oh Fluffy Cat, I'm so sorry."

Fluffy Cat was busy, she pressed down hard on the spring, and Toby Mouse's tail slipped out. He was free! They looked at each other a little shyly, then laughed. "We have been stupid, haven't we?" said Fluffy Cat. Toby Mouse nodded. "Yes, but we'll never do it again, will we? Come on, let's play."

Questions

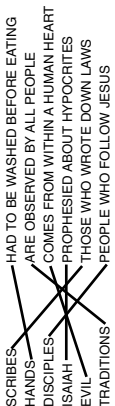
Why were Fluffy Cat and Toby Mouse so sad?

Why is it important to always keep goodness in our hearts?



- PICTURE DIFFERENCES
1. MOUTH
 2. BOY'S HAT
 3. MAN'S HAT
 4. BELT
 5. SLEEVE
 6. PILLARS
 7. SHIRT
 8. FOOT
 9. HEADBAND
 10. WINDOW

Maze Answers



Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story is from **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**



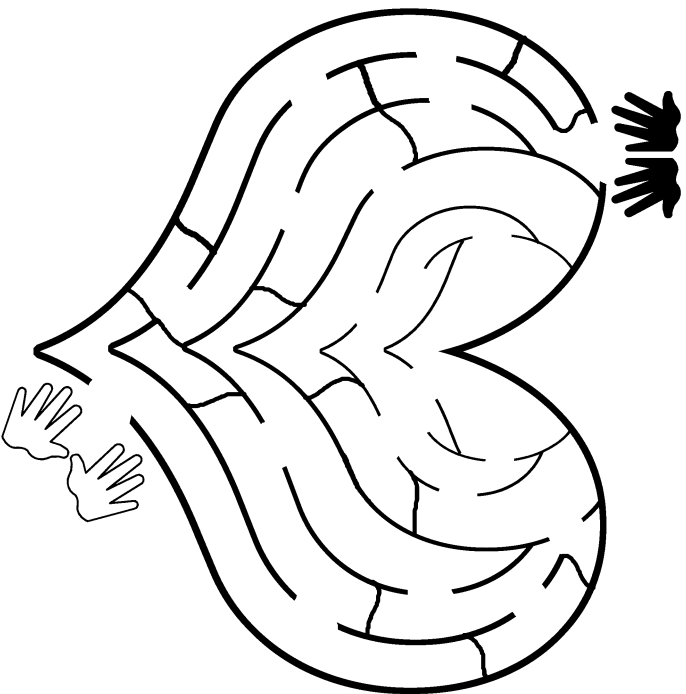
Connection

Match the words from today's Gospel story listed on the left with the correct definition listed on the right.

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| SCRIBES | HAD TO BE WASHED BEFORE EATING |
| HANDS | ARE OBSERVED BY ALL THE PEOPLE |
| DISCIPLES | COMES FROM WITHIN A HUMAN HEART |
| ISAIAH | PROPHESIED ABOUT HYPOCRITES |
| EVIL | THOSE WHO WROTE DOWN LAWS |
| TRADITIONS | PEOPLE WHO FOLLOW JESUS |

Maze

In today's Gospel story, Jesus said we must have clean hearts and not evil hearts. Draw a path from the dirty hands through the heart to the clean hands.



Picture Differences

Below are two drawings from today's Gospel story. There are ten differences in the bottom drawing from the top drawing. Circle each difference as you find it.

