

The Greatest Commandment

Key Word: **Disputing**

Key Verse: You are not far from the kingdom of God. *Mark 12:34b*

Jesus and his disciples had been traveling all around the countryside. Jesus had been teaching many people in the small towns and villages. He taught them about love and about taking care of each other.

The disciples were excited about coming into the city of Jerusalem. It seemed to them that with so many people there that Jesus would be almost like a celebrity. They thought that he should be very excited about going there, too. But, it almost seemed as if Jesus was sad. The disciples did not understand this.

While in Jerusalem, one of the Jewish leaders tried to trap Jesus with a trick question. He asked Jesus to pick which one of the religious rules was the best. Jesus answered him, "The Lord our God is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind,

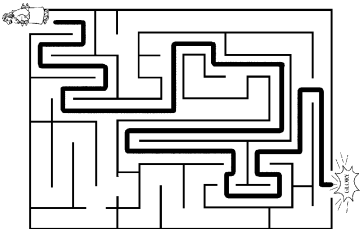
and all your strength." He also said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus' wisdom impressed the leader who had asked the question, as well as all those who were listening. In their hearts they knew that what he said was true: God was the one true God and he was to be worshiped and loved above all things, completely. They knew, too, that if one does love God the way he should, he would naturally care for his neighbors, for they are children of God, too.

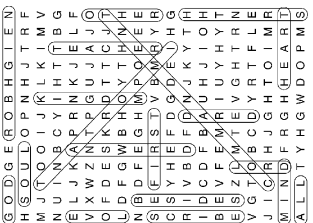
Questions

What were the disciples expecting in Jerusalem?

Why did the leader ask Jesus the question?



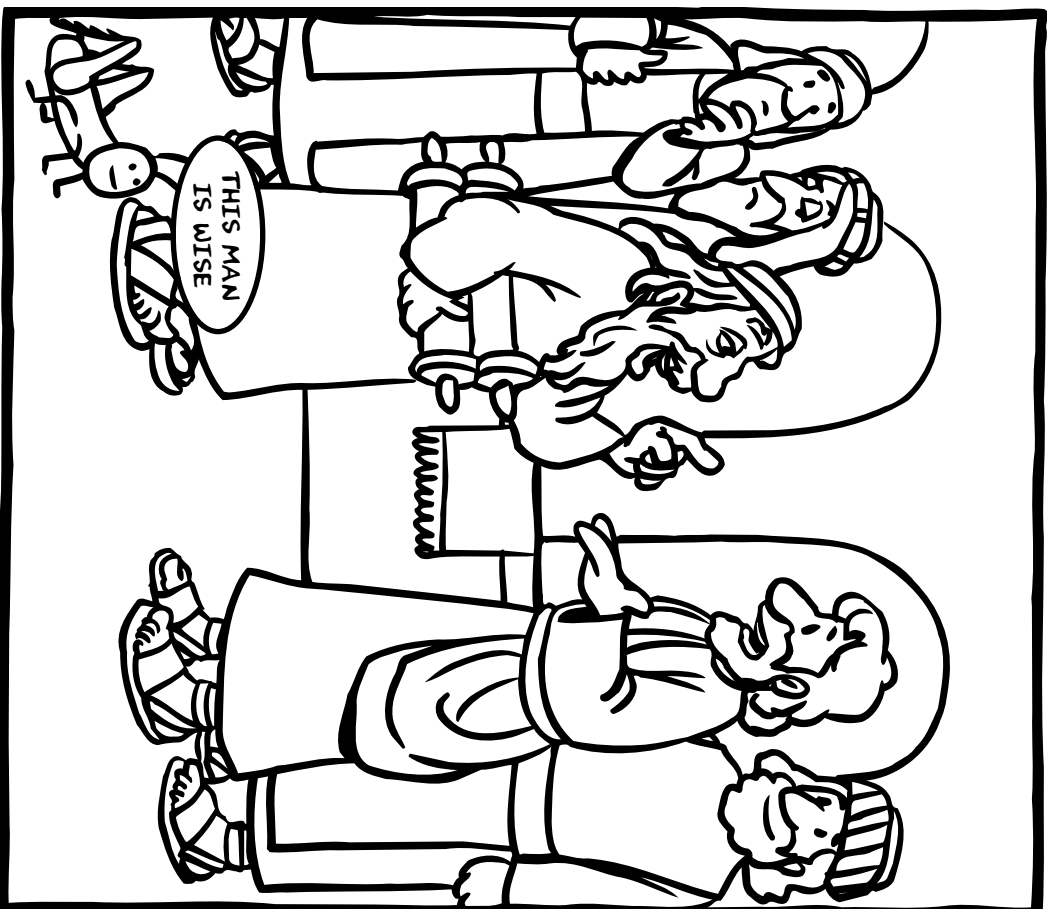
MAZE



WORD FIND

Answers

LETTER TILE
YOU ARE NOT FAR FROM THE
KINGDOM OF GOD.



Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Mark 12:28-34

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 nineteen words from today's Gospel story. Some are printed across, upside down, backward, or at an angle. Circle each word as you find it. One is already done for you. How many can you find?

WORD LIST

- ~~ALL~~
- ANSWERED
- BESIDES
- COMMANDMENT
- DARED
- FIRST
- GOD
- HEART
- IMPORTANT
- KINGDOM
- LORD
- LOVE
- MIND
- NEIGHBOR
- OTHER
- SCRIBE
- SOUL
- STRENGTH
- TEACHER

G O D G E R O B H G I E N
 H S O U L O P N H J T R F
 M J T O O I J K L K I M V
 N U I N B C Y I H T T B G
 E L J K A P R N K J E L F
 V X W Z N T P G U J A J O
 O F D E S K R D T T C J T
 L D F G W B H O Y T H N H
 N B D F E G H M P O E E E
 S E F I R S T V B M R Y R
 C S Y H E F D D G D E I H G
 R I V B D F D N J K Y T H
 I D C D F B A U H J I O T
 B E V F E M R I U Y H Y G
 E S Z L M T E V G H T R N
 V G T O B C D Y R T O I M R
 J I C R H J G H H T O I M R
 M I N D F R G H H E A R T
 A L L T Y H G W D O P M S

Maze

In today's Gospel story, Jesus told a man that he was not very far from the kingdom of God. In the maze below draw a path from the man to the glory of God's kingdom.

