

After Grandma Died

Key Word: **Glory**

Key Verse: Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" *John 11:40*

One day, the pastor came to visit. Anita answered the door. Since Grandma had died, Anita was angry. Anita said, "I hate God." The pastor smiled a little and said, "May I come in?" Anita opened the door. "What do you want?" she said rudely. The pastor asked, "Why do you hate God?"

"Because he took my grandma. Jesus wanted Grandma to live with him in heaven. It's not fair. She's my grandma and I miss her. Now Mommy cries and Dad's mad all the time, and everybody shouts at me." The pastor said, "Some people die because their bodies are sick. Some people die because they're so old they need a rest from this life. Was that why your grandma died?"

"No it wasn't!" shouted Anita. She told the pastor about the day Grandma had been standing on a stepladder and had fallen and was found dead. He said, "It was a tragic accident, but it wasn't anyone's fault. I don't believe it was God's fault either. Terrible things happen, and God is just as upset about them as we are. When Jesus' friend Lazarus died, Jesus cried because he was so upset." Anita stared

at him. "But Jesus brought Lazarus back to life again. Why couldn't he do that with my grandma?" she asked. "Dying isn't the end. Your grandma is living in heaven. None of us knows exactly what heaven will be like, but after Jesus died, he was seen alive by his friends, in a different sort of way. He promised that the real "us" would go on living. "Death is sad and painful. You're right to cry about how awful it is. Try to remember that it's also awful for God, and that all he

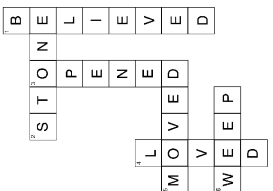
wants is to hug you and love you until you feel better. Do you think you can let him to do that?" Anita nodded. "I'll try," she said. She got up to get her mother. She wanted her mom to hear what the pastor had to say, because, although her pain was still there, it didn't feel quite so bad.

Questions

Why was Anita rude to the minister when he came to the door?

Why was Jesus so sad about Lazarus' death?

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WORD SCRAMBLE

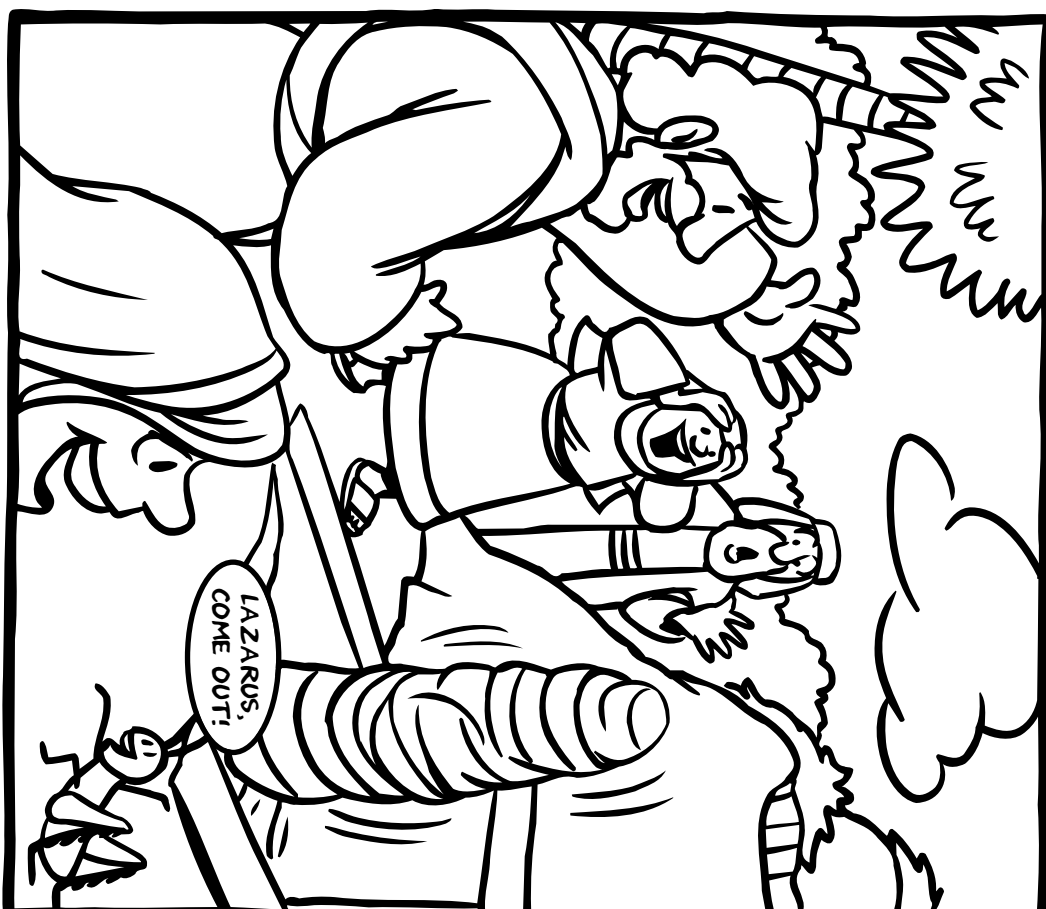
- 1. UNBIND
- 2. CROWD
- 3. QUICKLY
- 4. WEEP
- 5. VILLAGE
- 6. BOUND
- 7. FEET
- 8. HANDS
- 9. SENT
- 10. WRAPPED

Answers

- PICTURE DIFFERENCES
- 1. TREE TRUNK
 - 2. MOUTH
 - 3. TOMB
 - 4. SCARF
 - 5. BELT
 - 6. HAIR
 - 7. BUSH
 - 8. SANDAL
 - 9. HAND
 - 10. HAT

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
John 11:32-44



Crossword Puzzle

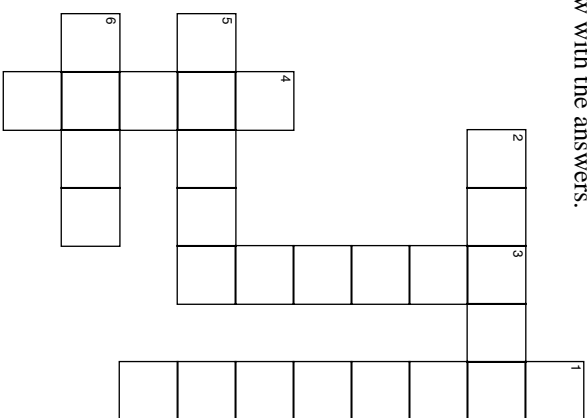
Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel story. Read the clues, then fill in the squares below with the answers.

ACROSS

- It was a cave, and a _____ was lying against it.
- Jesus was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply _____.
- Jesus began to _____.

DOWN

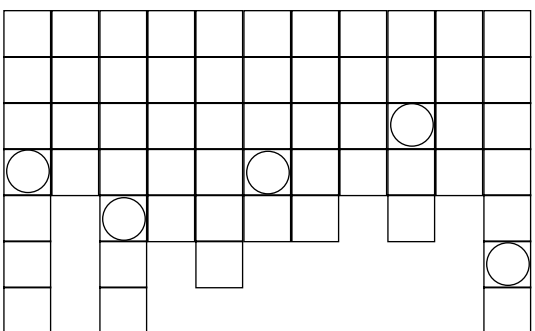
- "Did I not tell you that if you _____, you would see the glory of God?"
- "Could not he who _____ the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"
- So the Jews said, "See how he _____ him!"



Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words and write the letters in the boxes. Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

- PPEDWAR
- TSEN
- AHNSD
- ETFE
- NDOUB
- TLOCH
- BINNDU
- WDCRO
- QCKIULY
- EPEW
- LLGVAIE



When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she

at his feet.

Picture Differences Puzzle

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

