

Andrew Makes A Choice

Key Word: **Spirit**

Key Verse: Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
 Luke 4:21

Andrew loved using his brain. His hand was always the first to shoot up in class, and he much preferred reading a book to playing football.

There was just one problem. Andrew didn't have any friends. Most of the time that didn't worry him, because he had his books and his computer to keep him company, but sometimes he felt rather lonely and uncomfortable.

All the teachers loved Andrew because he always knew all the right answers, although Andrew's classmates had started to groan whenever his hand shot up. He didn't like that at all.

But tomorrow they were to have a science test in class, and Andrew was really looking forward to it. That is, he was looking forward to it until the rest of the class started to chant, "Andrew, Andrew, teacher's pet, thinks he's clever but he's just wet!"

"Of course, we know who'll come out on top, don't we!" sneered one of the boys. Andrew began to shrivel up inside. He felt panicky and frightened and didn't know what to do. Then he had a brilliant idea. He'd fail the test! Then he'd be popular with everyone. He realized it wasn't cool to enjoy studying. And it was even less cool to be clever.

That evening Andrew didn't open any of his books. His father glanced at him quizzically, but didn't say a word.

Next day, when his dad dropped him off at school, he said, "Bye, son. Enjoy your day, and be true to yourself."

Andrew just grunted. He was busy thinking of ways to fail the science test. But when he opened the paper, Andrew knew all the answers. He suddenly

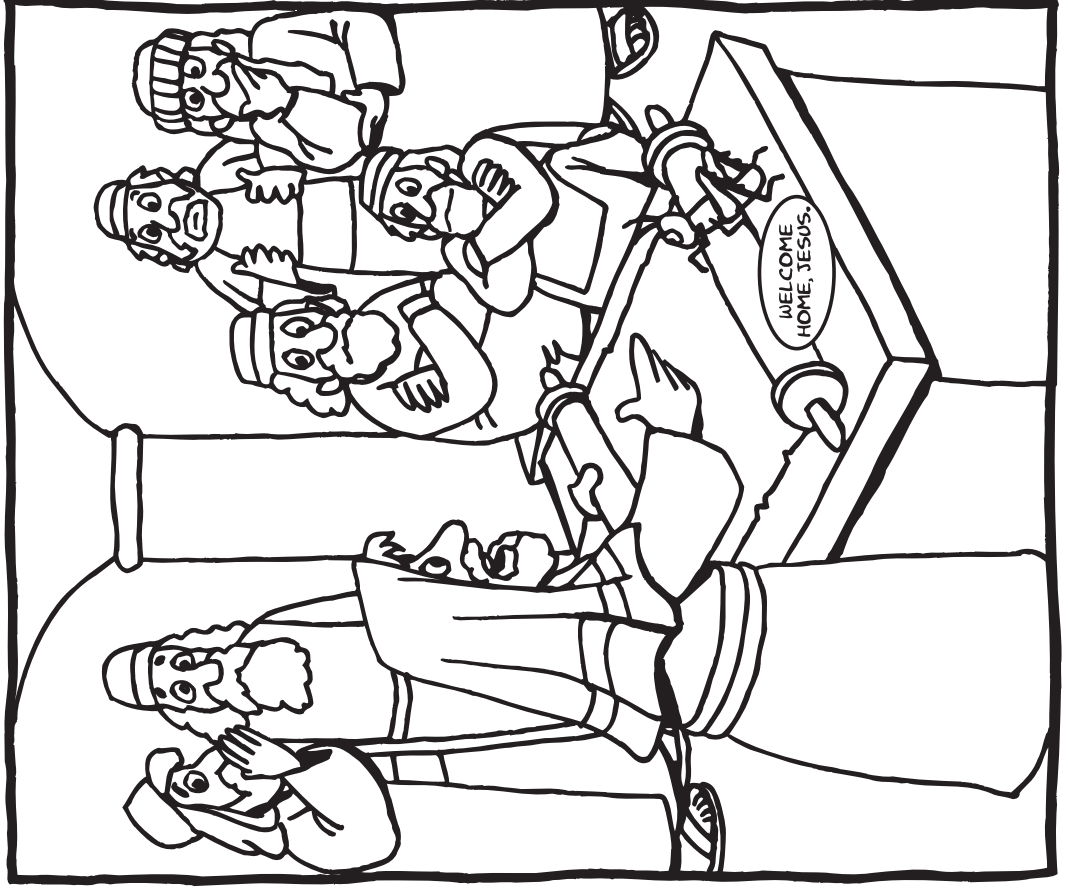
thought of his dad's words, "Be true to yourself." And he realized that pretending to be dumb just to be popular would make him even more unhappy than he was now.

Andrew picked up his pen and began to work as hard as he could. He easily came out with the highest grade on the test, and his classmates jeered at him, but he didn't care. He knew he'd been true to himself, and that was what mattered.

Questions

What choice did Jesus make when he said, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing"?

What choice did Andrew make in the story?



Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
 is from
Luke 4:14-21



Letter Tile Puzzle

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has appointed me to bring good news to the poor.

Snake Puzzle

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 1 H E P . . . R S I T
 2 P T R L . . . P I R N Y S C A
 3 A O L . . . P W . . . A . . .
 4 I N V E . . . R T A B B G O . . .
 5 T O N V E . . . T A B S A G E S . . .
 6 E T P . . . H T S . . . H N D E S P . . .
 7 D C A O L . . . F T A Z . . . S R A . . .
 8 P M A O . . . B I T R O R C M F U L A H . . .
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Answers

