

# Roly Makes A Straight Path

Key Word: **Straight**

Key Verse: ... as it is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight ...'" *Luke 3:4*

Roly, the dachshund puppy, was feeling rather sorry for himself. He had only just joined his new family, and he wasn't yet sure whether or not he really belonged. At the moment he was fairly sure he didn't belong, for the family had taken him to a maze, but had left him at the entrance.

But Roly wasn't lonely for long, for lots of people patted him and spoke to him. Roly perked up, and wondered for the hundredth time what went on in a maze. Still, the family had told him very firmly to stay at the entrance in case he got lost in the maze, or tripped people up by darting between their legs.

Suddenly, Roly pricked up his ears.

He heard a faint sob, and he knew immediately it was Alice. Before he had time to think he was racing into the maze, squeezing through small gaps at the bottom of the hedges and following Alice's scent. He found her very quickly and snuggled up to her, licking her hand to tell her how much he loved her.

Her brothers had run off laughing, leaving Alice somewhere in the maze all by herself. Alice had tried to find her

way to the center of the maze, but she kept coming back to the same place and couldn't find her way either in or out. She was very frightened.

But Roly wasn't frightened. Dachshunds are hunting dogs, and although Roly had never hunted in his life, he had been born with the right instincts. He set off at a dash, wriggling under hedges and scraping through tiny spaces, with Alice close behind.

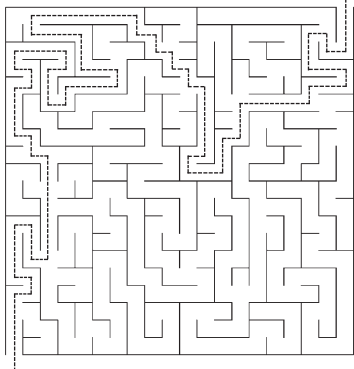
They reached the center by a very direct route, and were waiting when the boys eventually managed to find their way there.

The boys were stunned. They had expected to collect their little sister on the return journey, for they had been quite sure she would never find her way by herself. Unnoticed, Roly slipped quietly back to the entrance. And Alice never did tell her brothers who had made the way straight for her.

## Questions

**How did Roly save Alice?**

**What do you think the scripture verse means?**



Maze

Some of the over 100 possible words:

AVAILS	SALIVA
DENSE	SAVE
EVENTS	SEEDS
FEAST	SIEGE
FLEET	SHALE
FLESH	SINGES
FLOATS	STAGES
HEAVENS	STATES
HEDGES	STONES
HINGES	STOOLS
LATEST	TENET
LEAST	THOSE
LEDGES	TOAST
LOOSE	VAST
NOTES	VEAL

## Make Words

**Crossword Puzzle**

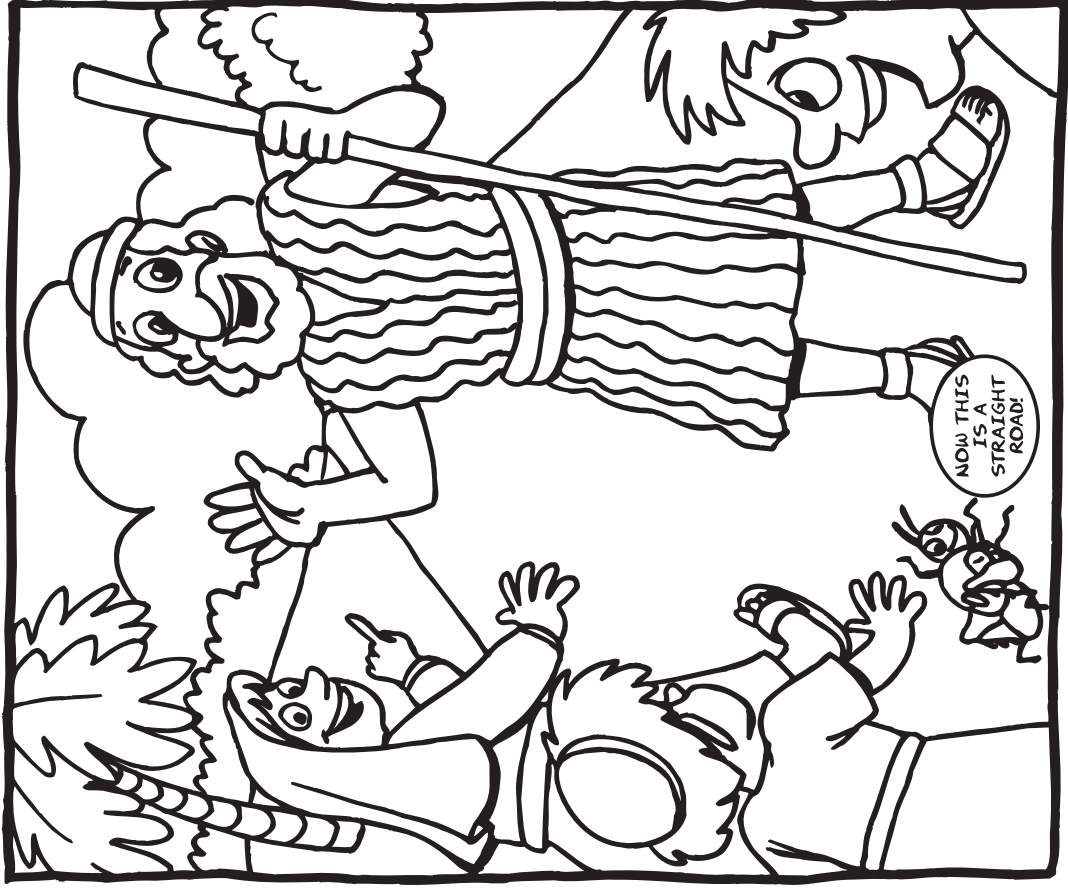
Across	Down
2. Herd	1. God
4. Phillip	3. Emperor
7. Smooth	5. Low
8. Isaiah	6. Paths
10. Wilderness	7. Sins
12. Valley	9. Repentance
	11. Lord

## Answers

# Gospel Grams

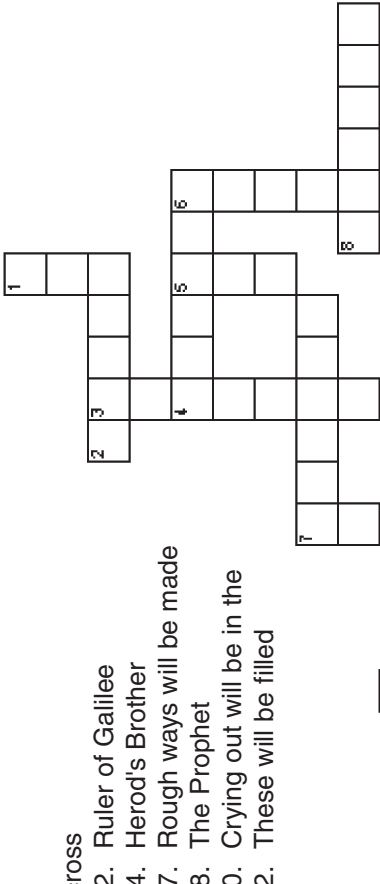


Today's Gospel Story  
is from  
**Luke 3:1-6**



### 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 to the questions.



#### Across

2. Ruler of Galilee
4. Herod's Brother
7. Rough ways will be made
8. The Prophet
10. Crying out will be in the
12. These will be filled

#### Down

1. "See the salvation of"
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Tiberius
5. Mountains and hills will be made
6. Make these straight
7. Forgiveness of
9. The baptism of
11. "Prepare the way of the"

### Make Words

Using the letters in the phrase below, see how many words you can make from this phrase from our Gospel story today: You may use each letter only as many times as it appears in the phrase.

“See the salvation of God”

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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### Maze

Today's Gospel story talks about John the Baptist going throughout the whole territory of the Jordan River, preaching to people about how they should turn away from their sins and be baptized, and God will forgive your sins. Begin at the top to help John the Baptist get through the Jordan River territory.

