

Richard's Mom

Key Word: Celebrate

Key Verse: "... for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. *Luke 15:24*

When Richard first realized his mom wasn't perfect, he decided to suggest some changes. He wrote a list to his mother.

Top of the list came more allowance, because he only got a dollar and most of his friends got five dollars, and that didn't seem fair. Then there was staying up late to watch some good movies on television. Then came having friends over whenever he wanted, and having chips and cookies and Coke always available in the house. The list was quite long.

When Richard gave the list to his mother, she didn't say much although her face looked a bit sad. But nothing changed. Richard got more and more fed up. One day, he asked his mother whether he could go with his friends to the old abandoned railroad station.

She said: "No. It's too dangerous. I don't want you going there." Richard shouted at his mother, and went anyway.

He decided never to ask his mother again, because the answer was always no. From now on, he'd do what he wanted.

They had a great morning at the old station, playing on the tracks, climbing on the roof of the old building, and playing hide-and-seek. But suddenly the whole building shook. Huge pieces of timber

crashed down, and Richard felt a searing pain in his leg.

When Richard woke, he was in a strange room. He began to cry. Then he noticed the door quietly open, and a figure slipped in. In an instant Richard's mom was beside him, cuddling him in her arms, and stroking his forehead in that way she always did. She didn't say anything; she just smiled. But Richard felt an enormous wave of love wash over him. His tears dried and he fell asleep again.

Every time Richard woke, his mom was there, and he knew everything was all right. It took a long time for Richard to get better and for his leg to mend, but his mom was always around somewhere. And he knew then that he'd never swap his mom for anyone else, for she was the best mom in the whole world.

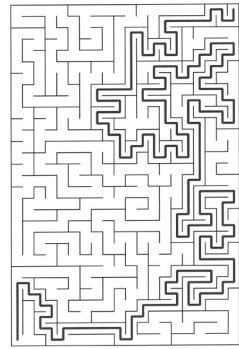
Questions

In the story, why did Richard ignore his mother and do just what he wanted?

What did Richard's mother do when Richard was injured because he disobeyed her?



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| Going | Jesus |
| Quickly | Sound |
| Anything | Gladly |
| Distant | Against |
| Fatted | Father |
| Slaves | Welcomes |
| Young | Answered |
| Property | Citizens |
| Spent | Kissed |
| Himself | Called |
| Listen | Worthy |
| Celebrate | Music |
| Axed | |

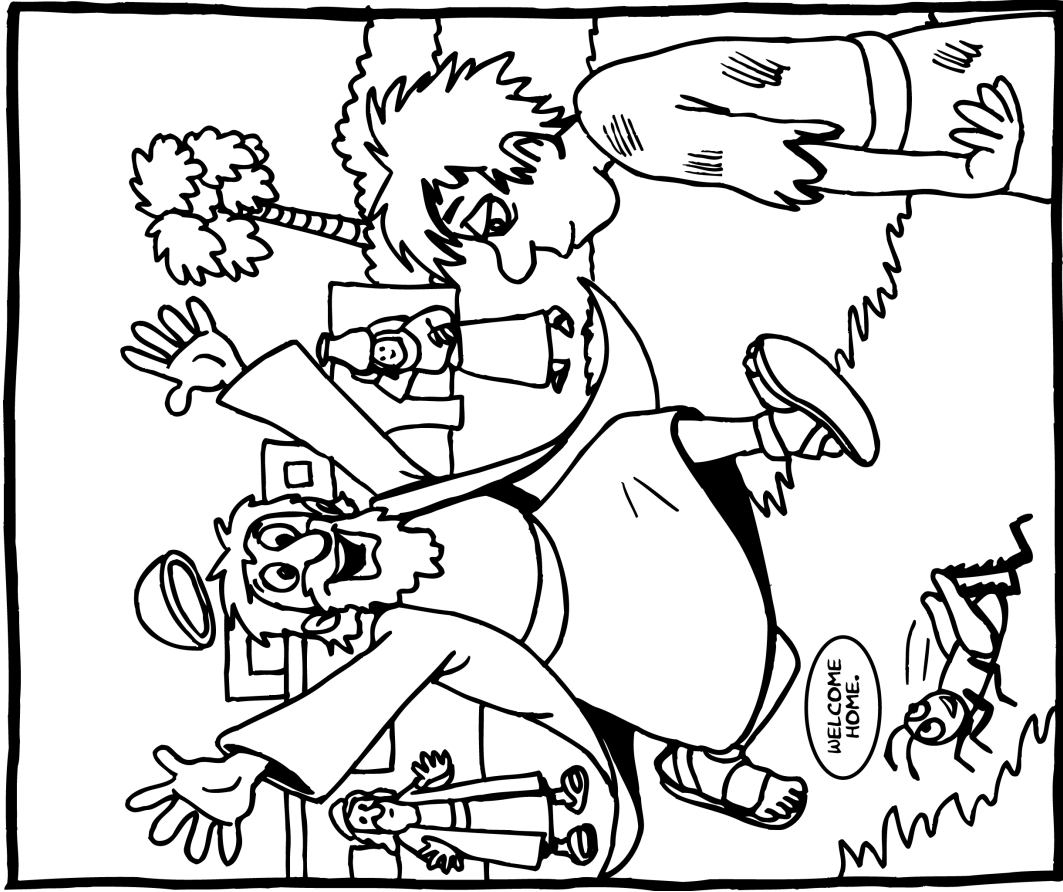


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Answers

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| Across | 1. Sinned | Down |
| 5. Elder Son | 2. Sinners | |
| 6. Famine | 3. Grumbling | |
| 7. Dead | 4. Found | |
| 8. Sandals | 6. Fatted Calf | |

Crossword Puzzle



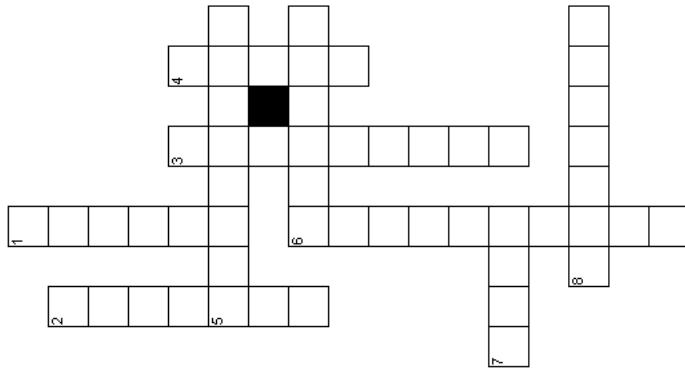
Gospel Grams



Today's Gospel Story
is from
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel story, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. Read the clues. Then fill in the squares below with the answers.



Across

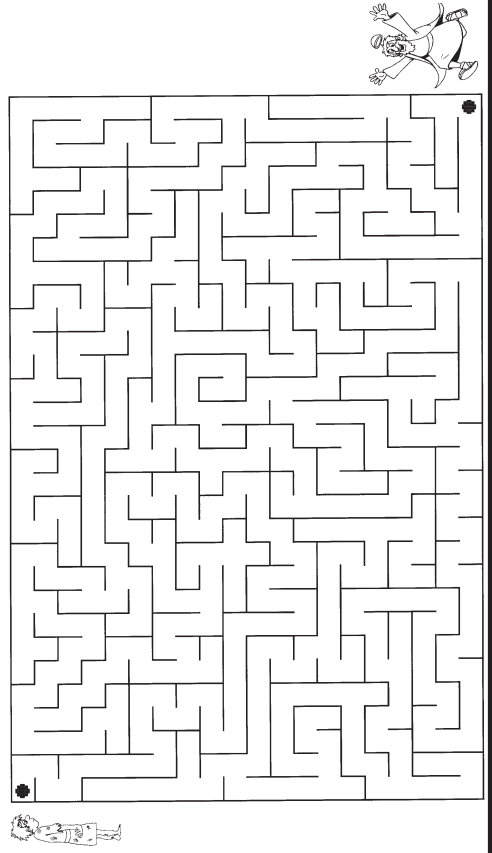
5. He was in the fields (2 words)
6. People in the country were starving
7. Was ___ and came to life
8. They put these on his feet

Down

1. The son ___ against Heaven
2. Jesus welcomed them
3. The Pharisees were ___
4. Lost was ___
6. It was killed for his son (2 words)

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In today's Gospel story Jesus tells the parables of the lost sheep and the lost son. Help the lost son find his way back home to his father. Remember that Jesus will always take us into his heart.



Fill In The Space

Place one letter of the alphabet in the blank space to make a word from today's Gospel story. Words are at least 5 letters long. Use each alphabet letter only once. We have included an alphabet chart to mark off the letters as you use them. Two have already been done for you.

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