

Roly Shows The Way

Key Word: **Straight**

Key Verse: "Bear fruits worthy of repentance." *Luke 3:8*

At every opportunity, the three children raced to the woods to plague the old man who lived in a battered camping trailer standing in the glade. It was only Roly the puppy who seemed to feel uneasy about the children's pranks.

But today the old man was nowhere to be seen. No matter how much the children danced around singing silly songs and throwing lumps of earth, nothing happened.

"Come on," said Jim. "Let's go home. There's no fun here today."

But Roly's sharp ears picked up a faint murmur. He started to bark.

He leapt at the door of the camper and began to scratch it. He whined and barked and yapped.

Alice ran to the camper and turned the handle. The trailer was dingy inside, but Alice could soon see that it was piled high with old newspapers, dirty clothes, and unwashed dishes.

As the three children entered the camper, they heard a faint groan.

Underneath a pile of rags on the bed, was the old man.

Jim took charge. "Alice must stay here and do the best she can for him. We'll run for help."

Roly jumped onto the old man's bed, and began to lick his face. His eyes flickered open, and he looked astonished.

Alice said, "My brothers have gone to get help. You'll soon be all right."

The old man was taken to the hospital, where he made a complete recovery.

While he was there, the three children cleaned his camper. They were all very ashamed of the way they had behaved, and wanted to make amends.

"Roly showed us the way," remarked Alice. "I don't think Roly liked the way we teased the old man. He would have died if it hadn't been for Roly."

After the old man came out of the hospital, the children told him how sorry they were for teasing him so. But he just smiled and said, "I reckon that puppy saved my life. But you keep on the straight path now. Follow that all your lives, and you won't go far wrong."

And the children did just what he said.

Questions

Alice and her brothers said they were sorry, but how did they show they were sorry for the cruel things they did to the old man?

What did John the Baptist tell people who asked him what they should do to show that they had repented?

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Cryptogram

Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.

Fallen Letter Puzzle

ANSWERS

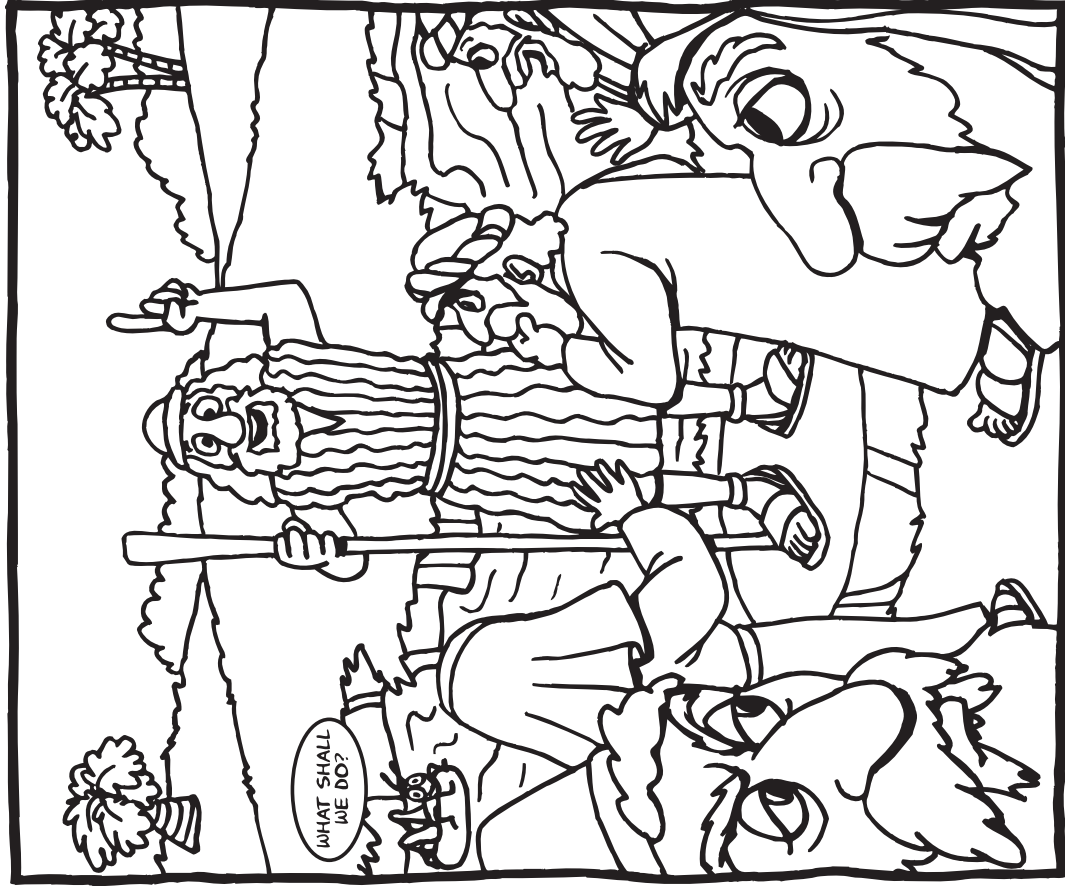
Word Find

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Gospel Grams



Today's Gospel Story
is from
Luke 3:7-18



Fallen Letter Puzzle

Insert the letters in each column into the boxes above them to form the words of a quotation from today's Gospel story, Luke 3:7-18. The letters are not necessarily in order — it's up to you to determine which letters go in which box above it. Each letter will be used once and only once. Black squares usually indicate the end of a word, but are also used as spacers at the beginning and ending of a quotation. One column has been done for you.

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Word Find

In today's Gospel story John the Baptist talks to the crowds of people that came to be baptized by him. Find the words below that relate to the lesson in which John tells the people to share with each other, to repent, and to prepare for the coming of Jesus. The words go forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally. One is done for you.

Words to find:

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| ANCESTORS | SANDALS |
| CROWDS | SATISFIED |
| EXTORT | SHARE |
| —FIRE— | SOLDIERS |
| HEARTS | SPIRIT |
| HOLY | STONES |
| JOHN | VIPERS |
| MESSIAH | WATER |
| MONEY | WHEAT |
| POWERFUL | WRATH |
| REPENTANCE | |

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Cryptogram

Solve the puzzle (a verse from today's Gospel story) by figuring out the code and placing the corresponding letter in the space above that number. Three letters have been done for you.

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