

# The Bully-Busters

Key Word: Love

Key Verse: "I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them. *John 17:26*"

"I think," proclaimed Peter, "we should become bully-busters. We don't have to do much. Just be honest with the bullies, tell them what we really think, and not run away from them."

Karl and Jimmy tried to dissuade their friend, but it was hopeless from the start.

"All right," they eventually agreed miserably. "But the Robots will probably kill us!"

The three friends agreed that they'd always speak and answer honestly, even if this meant annoying the Robots. They would stand their ground. They would defend themselves, but they wouldn't throw punches even in self-defense. And they would no longer go out of their way to avoid the Robots.

It wasn't long before the plans were put to the test.

"So," jeered James Kinley, the leader of the gang. "You kids got any money?"

"Yes," said Karl.

"Hand it over, then," ordered James.

"No," said Karl.

"What?" James lifted his fist and grabbed Karl, but Peter and Jimmy ran to their friend's side.

"You'll have to bash us all," warned Peter. Then James went crazy, hitting and punching and kicking. His three gang mates piled in on top, and Peter, Jimmy, and Karl were all badly injured that day. Peter was taken to

the hospital, unconscious. Jimmy had a broken arm, and Karl had fractured ribs, and both had badly swollen and bruised faces.

It was a week before they could return to school. Peter's dad took all three of them in his car. The three friends were called into the principal's office. To their surprise, they saw the Robots there, too, but all four were looking very anxious and miserable. "These boys have something to say to you three," said the principal.

Each of the Robots in turn apologized, and each one looked ashamed and sad.

The three friends had a tremendous feeling of love for each other. They had shared something very important, and they'd seen it through, despite the consequences.

"We were bully-busters after all," said Jimmy, wondering. "Let's go on busting bullies. It feels good."

Peter grinned. "But maybe not every week! Let's hope it's only necessary once in a while!"

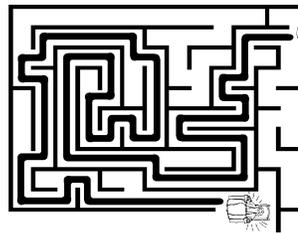
## Questions

**In the story, how did the Bully-Busters decide to react to the Robot gang?**

**At the end of the story, why did the Bully-Busters discover such love for each other?**

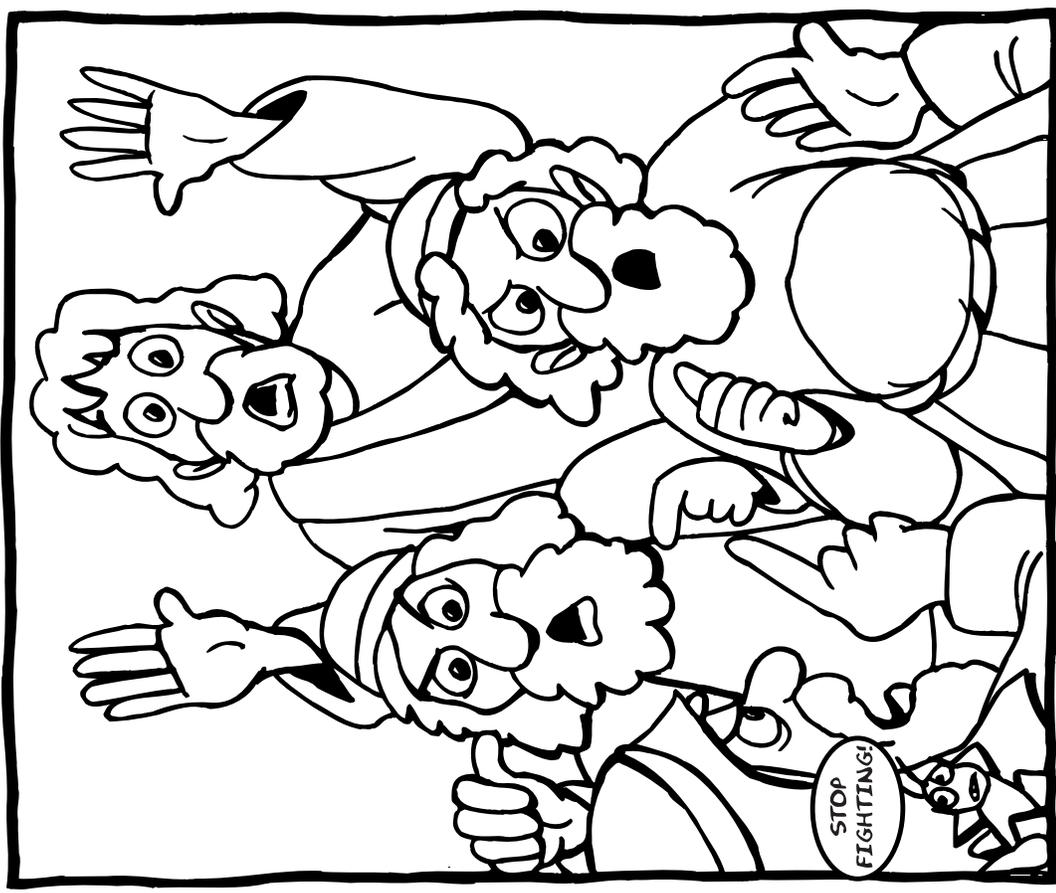
- Answers**
- MAKE WORDS**
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  - TRUTH

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FALLEN LETTER PUZZLE

That the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.



# Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story  
is from  
**John 17:20-26**



