

Lonely Violet

Key Word: **Compassion**

Key Verse: When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep."
 Luke 7:13

Down in a dark and shady glen in the middle of a dark and shady wood, Violet hung her head. She was all alone and she found it depressing.

There were plenty of trees, so tall and so bushy that they kept out almost all the light. There was lots of undergrowth, so thick and so tangled that it snapped at Violet's roots. There were even scurrying insects, but they were far too busy to bother with a modest Violet who was all alone.

Violet sniffed. She could feel a raindrop hanging on the end of her petals just like a large, round teardrop. The trouble was, because Violet was all alone, she was desperately lonely.

"Why don't you look up for a change?" asked a bright and cheery voice.

Violet suspected it was a nearby dandelion being far more familiar than he ought, so she tried to ignore him.

But the bright and cheery voice continued relentlessly, "Look up to the sun! Feel the warmth on your flower head. Enjoy this brilliant sunlight — and who knows what will happen?"

Despite herself, Violet was intrigued. Without really meaning to, she lifted her little head. Immediately she felt the sun, and it was warm and comforting and good.

Violet sighed. "I'm so lonely," she whispered, "living here all alone in this dark and shady glen in a dark and shady wood."

The dandelion laughed and it sounded like the tinkling of a thousand crystal bells. "Turn your head and look around," he cried.

Despite herself, Violet turned her head and looked around. And suddenly she saw for the first time that she wasn't alone after all.

All around her, as far as she could see, little clumps of violets were spreading their petals and turning their little flower heads to the sun.

Despite herself, Violet cried, "Thank you, Dandelion. Thank you so much! If you hadn't cared about me I would never have seen all these lovely brothers and sisters. Thank you. From now on, I'll try to care as much for others as you have cared for me." And she did.

Questions

Why did Jesus have compassion on the widow of Nain? What did Jesus do to help her?

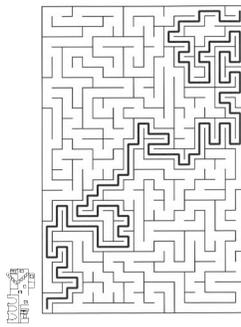
In the story, who cared about Violet? What did he do to help her? How can we care for lonely people?

Secret Phrase:
 Do not weep.

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FALLEN LETTER PUZZLE
 A great prophet has risen among us and God has looked favorably on his people.

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Answers

JUMBLE PUZZLE

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 is from
Luke 7:11-17

