

Philip's Ears

Key Word: **Welcome**

Key Verse: When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." *Luke 19:5*

Philip first realized there was something odd about himself when he looked at himself in the mirror and noticed that his ears were large and stuck out from his head.

When he moved onto junior high school at the age of twelve, lots of the children taunted him about his ears. Philip tried not to care, but it hurt him deep inside.

Then a new girl started at the school. Amanda was stunning and soon collected a crowd around her.

One day, Amanda came to Philip. "I want to be your friend," she announced. "Huh!" snorted Philip rudely, and he started to walk away as quickly as he could, but Amanda kept up with him.

It was the start of a new life for Philip. As his friendship with Amanda grew, Philip began to come out of his shell, and he suddenly realized what a wonderful feeling it was to be part of the crowd.

One day he said to Amanda, "How come you like me? When people look at me, they see a freak with huge floppy ears like an elephant. How come you don't mind all that?"

Amanda was surprised. "I've never noticed your ears!" she exclaimed. Then

she continued, "Haven't you ever noticed that I'm a bit weird, too?"

"You?" said Philip, "Never! You're the most popular person in school."

Amanda laughed. "Only because I don't allow my weirdness to get in the way, so nobody else bothers about it either."

Amanda spread her fingers. For the first time, Philip noticed a thin web of skin between each finger. He took her hands, and gazed at them wonderingly.

"You see?" said Amanda. "All the kids used to call me Froggy or Fishface, but I refused to feel hurt, so I just laughed along with them. Then they forgot, and nobody really notices now."

Philip whispered, "I don't care about your hands. And do you know, for the first time in my life I don't care about my ears, either? I know now that it's the person that matters, and that anything else is just — silly!"

Questions

How did Amanda help Philip?

What did Philip learn about himself and others?

- Picture Differences
- Head band
 - Eye missing
 - Wrinkle on hand missing
 - Veins in leaves
 - Apple
 - Wrinkle in garment missing
 - Hem is different
 - Sock on foot
 - Fingers missing
 - Kite

Letter Tile Puzzle

For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

- Crossword Puzzle
- Across
- Half
 - Jesus
 - Taxes
 - Come
 - Sinner
 - Shot
- Down
- Lost
 - Sycamore
 - Tree
 - Jericho

Answers

Picture Differences

Letter Tile Puzzle

Crossword Puzzle

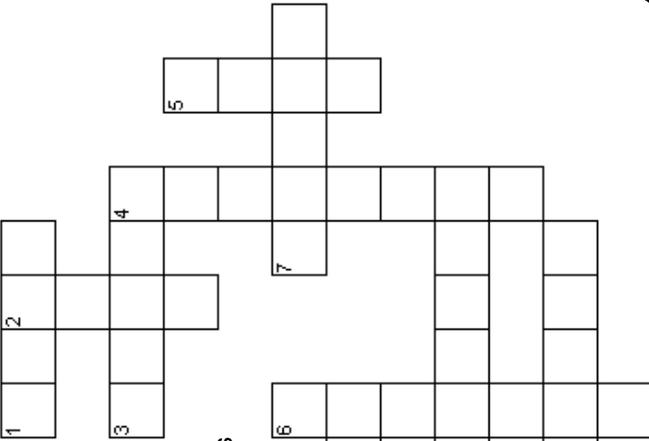


Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Luke 19:1-10

Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel story, Luke 19:1-10. Read the clues. Then fill in the squares below with the answers.



Across

- Zacchaeus gave this much to the poor
- He looked up into the tree
- Zacchaeus collected these
- Salvation has ___ to this house
- The people said Zacchaeus was this
- Zacchaeus was ___ in stature

Down

- The Son of Man came to save them
- Zacchaeus climbed this kind of tree
- Zacchaeus climbed this
- What city were they in?

Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are 10 differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in each drawing then check the answers on the back. Who is the man in the tree? Why is he sitting in the tree? Why does Jesus want him to come down?



Letter Tile Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.

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