

LOOK INTO YOUR HEART, SAYS JESUS

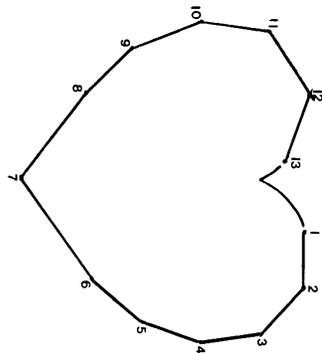
[The District of Galilee] — People were amazed at things that Jesus taught. There were a lot of teachers traveling around the countryside, explaining what they thought God wanted everyone to do. But Jesus didn't sound like any of those teachers.

Jesus told his listeners that the other teachers were mistaken. They were teaching people to obey long lists of rules. And they were bragging that they had already followed all the rules themselves. The problem was, they didn't always keep the rules in order to help anybody.

Jesus said, "Look into your heart. If you keep a rule just to say you have done your duty, that's not good enough." Jesus taught we should follow rules because we care about the people that the rules were made to help. Not only is it wrong to kill somebody, Jesus said, it's even wrong to let our heart fill up with hate and anger for them.

Matthew 5:20-26

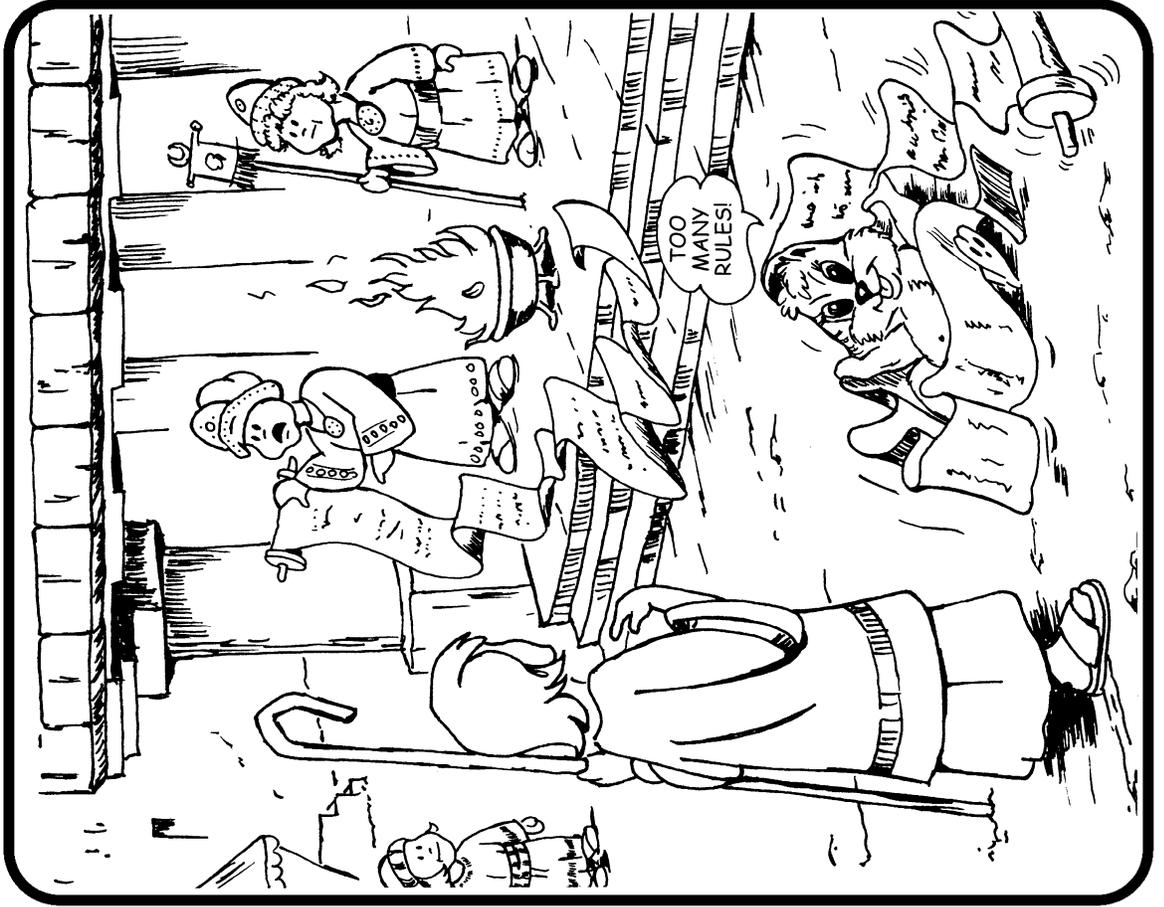
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- ANSWERS
- PICTURE DIFFERENCES:
1. Bottom of one teacher's robe
 2. Roof trim
 3. Scroll length
 4. Banner
 5. Fire
 6. Staff

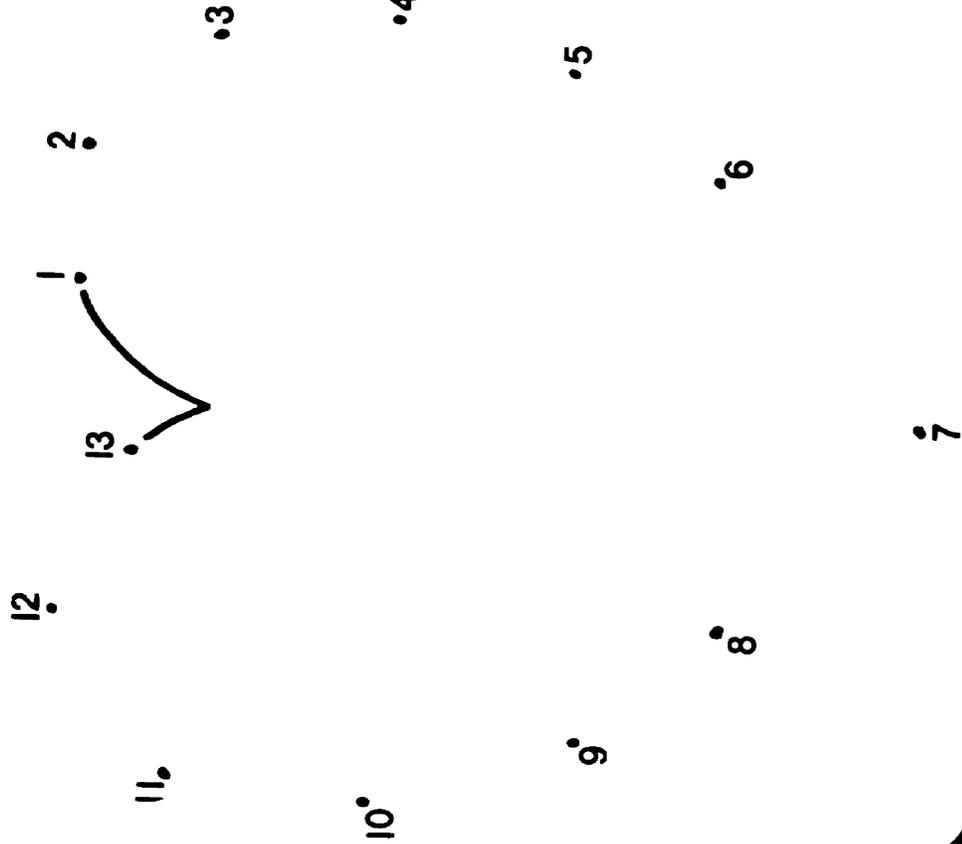
Gospel Grams

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "Did you ever play a game where somebody else made the rules so hard you could never win? When that happens you start to get mad at the rules! Jesus says we can use rules in the wrong way if we aren't careful. Looking in the rulebook isn't always the place to find the answer to a problem. You can draw a picture, below, to show a better place to look."

Finish The Picture. Connect all the numbers and find a picture of somewhere Jesus told us to look when we are trying to decide what's right to do.



Picture Differences. Jesus told other teachers to look into their hearts when they kept the rules and to care about other people. The two pictures below of Jesus teaching the other teachers have 6 differences. Can you find and circle all 6 differences?

