

Blue Mountain Cloud

Key Word: **Holy Spirit**

Key Verse: But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. *John 14:26*

Blue Mountain Cloud was quietly sitting against a tree. He was old now, but many a time the hunt had returned victorious with enough meat for a great feast, because of Blue Mountain Cloud's prowess with a spear. And Blue Mountain Cloud, despite his great age, was still swift of foot and agile and alert to any sign of danger.

Because Blue Mountain Cloud had almost always been the one to spear the animal, he usually had the first taste of the choicest cut of meat, roasted on a spit over the open campfire.

Blue Mountain Cloud had always eaten his deer meat with respect, because he believed that by eating the meat, he would take on the characteristics of the animal.

Hence he was now swift of foot, courageous, agile, and aware of any signs of danger. As he sat against the trunk of the old tree, he realized how much he had learned in his 95 years. He had never been to school, but he could still track any animal just by looking at the ground. He could still start a fire using only two sticks and some dried grass. He still knew the best hunting grounds and the swiftest and kindest way to kill an animal for food.

But he'd learned more than that and he wasn't exactly sure how. He'd learned to love even those people he hadn't much

liked when he was younger. He'd learned to tolerate the young with their new and alien ways and their noise. He'd even learned to accept Westerners, with their bright flashy cars and all their wealth. And he had a television of his own!

Perhaps, he thought to himself, it was the knowledge of the deer. Perhaps, along with taking on the characteristics of the deer, he'd absorbed some of their knowledge, too.

It was a good thought, and Blue Mountain Cloud was happy. He would soon be going to the Hunting Grounds of his ancestors, but he would always be grateful to the deer for giving him so much.

Questions

Why was Blue Mountain Cloud swift of foot and courageous and agile and alert to any signs of danger, despite his great age?

Why did Blue Mountain Cloud eat his deer meat with respect?

What happens to us when we symbolically eat the body (bread) and drink the blood (wine) of Jesus?

Some possible words are:

Alf
Ave
Area
Art
Ate
Ear
Earrier
Gear
Great
Grain
Grit
Greet
Hair
Hare
Tio

BOGGLE

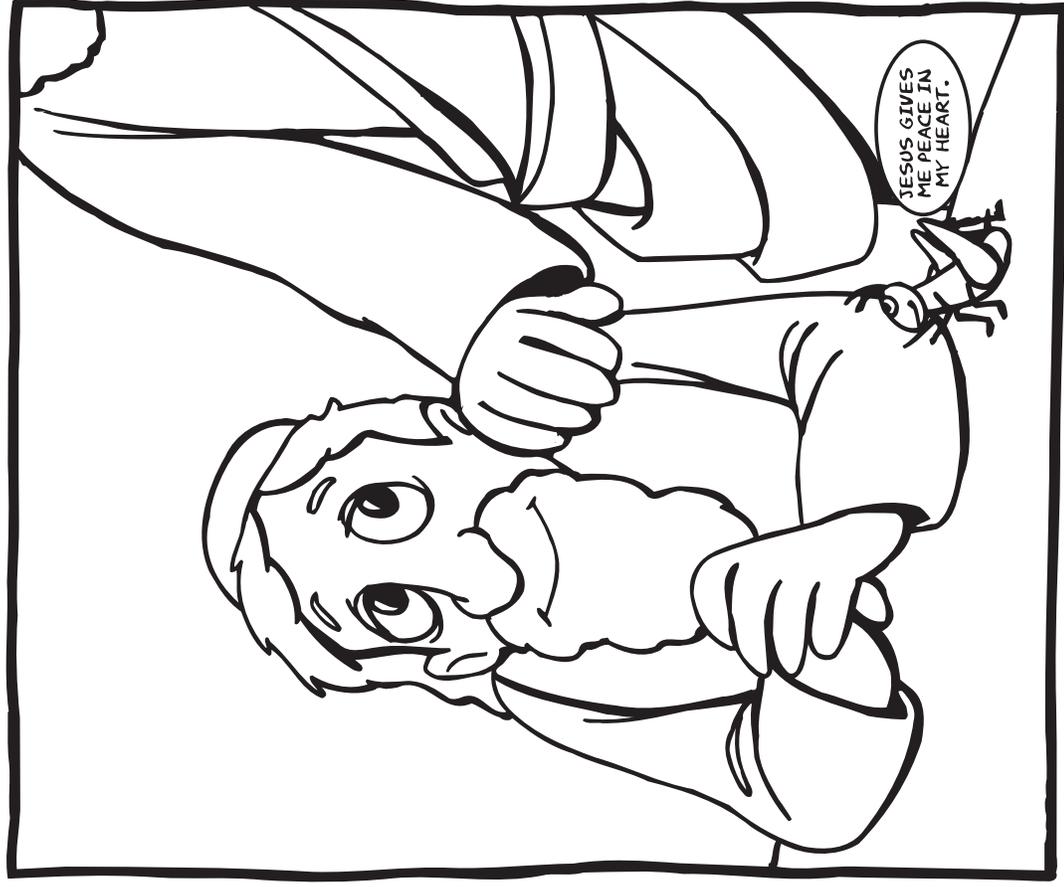
Answers

LETTER TILE PUZZLE

Peace | I leave with you;
my peace | I give to you.

PICTURE DIFFERENCES

- Mouth
- Hat
- Eyebrows
- Beard is shorter
- Beard is longer
- Finger is missing
- Hair is shorter
- Sash fold is missing
- Wall is higher
- Eyes are smaller



Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
John 14:23-29



Letter Tile Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story, John 14:23-29. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.

E	A	V	I	L	Y	O	C	E	C	E	E	W	P	E	A	I	G	
U	;	I	T	H	U	.	T	O	I	V	E	M	Y	P	E	A	Y	O

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Boggle

How many words can you make with this table of letters? Form words by using letters that touch. Words can go forward, backward, diagonal, up, or down. Each letter tile can only be used once per word.

O	I	A	T
N	O	R	E
H	I	R	E
R	A	E	G

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are ten differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in the second drawing, then check the answers on the back.

