

# Baby Genie's New Home

Key Word: **Abides**

Key Verse: "This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." *John 14:17*

Genies, as everyone knows, are *never* allowed out of their homes. Baby Genie knew that perfectly well. But Little Genie, who was a thousand or so years older than BG, didn't care about the rules. So when a tiny crack appeared in LG's bottle, he vaporized himself through it. Then he hovered over BG's old lamp, until BG too slid out of his lamp in a tiny puff of smoke.

But now LG had disappeared. The older and wiser genies had warned this would happen. "Genies are born to serve," they had said. "Genies may live outside as slaves ready to do their master's bidding, but after they have fulfilled three wishes, they *must* return to their homes. Otherwise they disappear into the air for ever."

BG was afraid this had happened to LG, and afraid it might happen to him, too. He hovered for a while, but none of the older and wiser genies appeared to help him, so he decided to explore. He discovered that if he closed his eyes and thought very hard, he could float around on the air like a cloud.

BG sighed. If he didn't soon find some sort of new home, he might suffer the same awful fate as LG.

Just then, BG heard a rasping, coughing sound, as though someone was struggling to breathe. BG swooshed gently around a corner, and there was a small human being,

coughing and gasping for breath. BG saw an open mouth and was immediately sucked into the human being.

BG felt great shudders as the chest heaved and gasped, so he pushed the tubes a little more open. BG became aware his human being was sobbing.

"What's the matter?" whispered BG, deep inside the human being.

"It's my asthma," came the reply. "I can't breathe."

"Don't worry," promised BG. "I'll keep the tubes open for you."

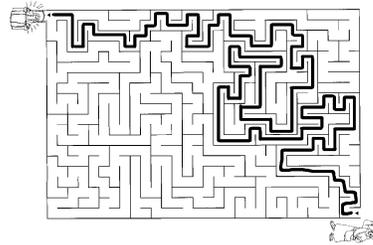
He began to sing a soothing, gentle genie lullaby, and soon his human was breathing normally and without difficulty.

BG smiled and snuggled up inside the human's chest. Suddenly his future was bright. For he had someone to love, and someone who might in time come to love him.

## Questions

**What did Jesus mean when he said, "The Spirit abides with you, and he will be in you"?**

**How do you know whether or not the Spirit is within you?**



MAZE

"Lord show us the Father and we will be satisfied."

## Answers

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Across          | 1. Peace       |
| 4. Commandments | 2. Holy Spirit |
| 6. Abides       | 3. Heart       |
| 8. Father       | 5. Phillip     |
| 9. Truth        | 6. Afraid      |
|                 | 7. Name        |



# Gospel Grams

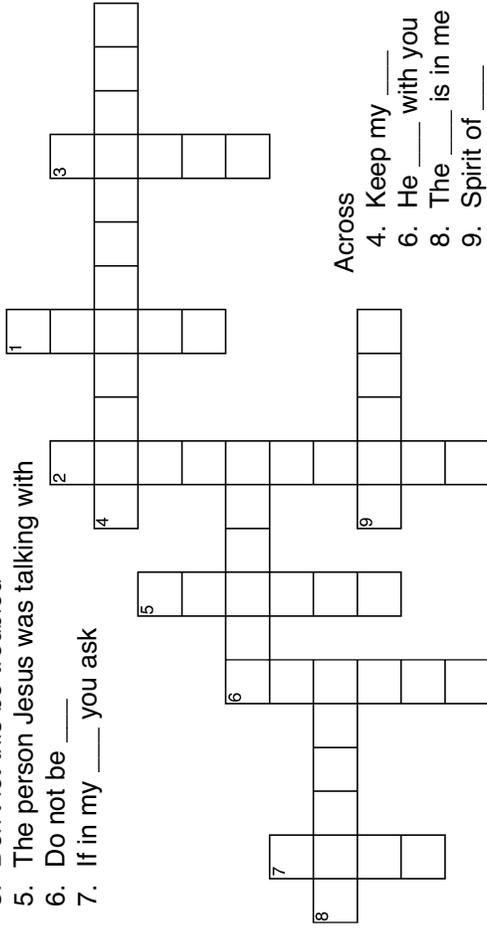
Today's Gospel Story  
is from  
**John 14:8-17, 25-27**

### Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel story, John 14:8-17, 25-27. Read the clues. Then fill in the squares below with the answers.

Down

1. What Jesus left
2. It will be sent in this name (2 words)
3. Don't let this be troubled
5. The person Jesus was talking with
6. Do not be \_\_\_ you ask
7. If in my \_\_\_ you ask

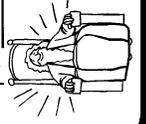
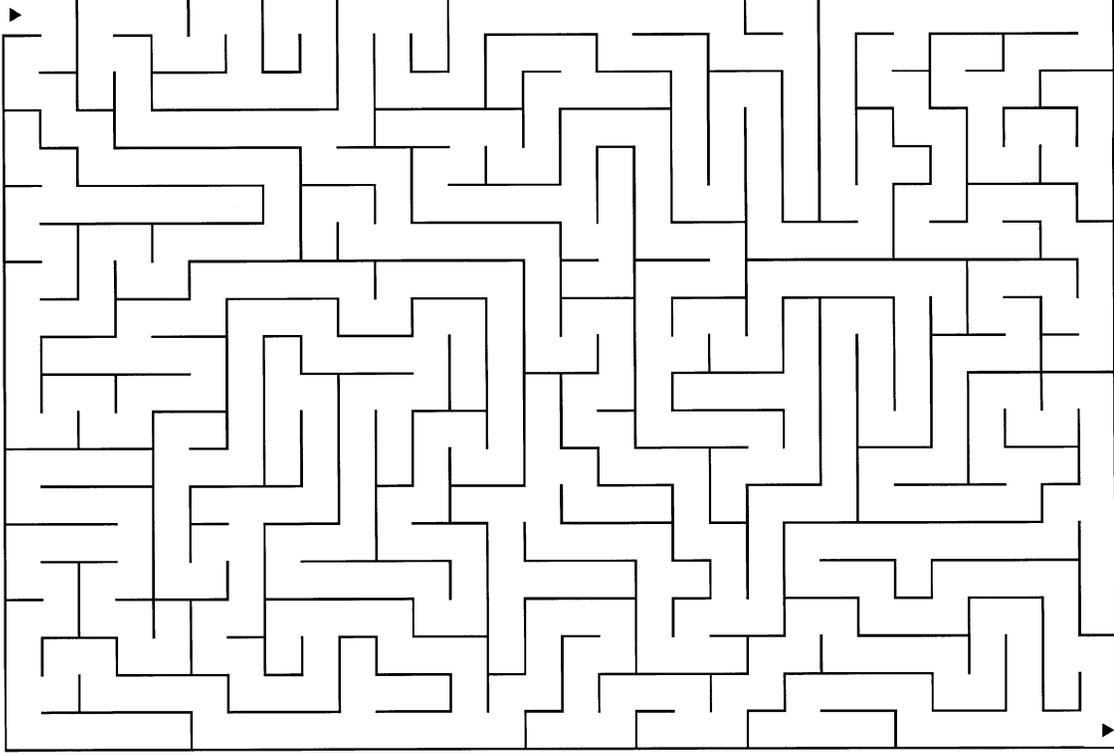


Across

4. Keep my \_\_\_
6. He \_\_\_ with you
8. The \_\_\_ is in me
9. Spirit of \_\_\_

### Maze

Today's Gospel story tells about Jesus talking to his disciples about the Father being in him and that he does his own work. He told the disciples that the Father will do even greater things because he is going to the Father. Help Jesus find his way to the Father through this maze.



### Cryptogram

Below is a verse from today's Gospel story. Each letter is substituted for another. Use the letter patterns and trial and error to help you figure out this puzzle. Can you decipher this message? Three of the letters are already done for you.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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