

Mary Louise And Her Silent Companions

Key Word: Truth

Key Verse: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. *John 16:13*

All Mary Louise's silent companions were arranged on the bottom of the bed, and Mary Louise loved each one. But Chrysanthemum was the one Mary Louise loved best, the rag doll with bright pink braids who had been with Mary Louise from the beginning.

One mid-summer's eve, not realizing there was magic in the air, Mary Louise arranged her silent companions, gave them each a huge kiss, climbed into bed and instantly fell asleep. But just after midnight she was awakened by a strange sound. All her silent companions were sliding gently off the bed.

Mary Louise leaned over the side of the bed and watched. Lion Cub was practicing his growling, but Ragbag the dirty cloth dog Mary Louise had rescued from a rummage sale, was cowering in terror and edging away into a corner.

Lion Cub was beginning to look really threatening, but Ragbag looked forlorn and frightened and lonely. Mary Louise knew just how he felt. She noticed a little something in each of her silent companions that reminded her of herself, although she didn't always like what she saw.

Then she noticed Chrysanthemum. The pink-haired doll marched straight up to Lion Cub and began to scold him. Lion Cub, looking very ashamed, backed off. Then Chrysanthemum put her tiny arms as far around Ragbag as she could and hugged him.

"Why are you doing that?" asked Ragbag, forlornly. "Nobody else likes me."

"Stop feeling so sorry for yourself," ordered Chrysanthemum sternly. "Mary Louise loves you, and that's all that matters." Ragbag looked astounded. "Mary Louise loves me?"

"Of course she does," Chrysanthemum retorted. "She gave you her kiss, didn't she? That's why you're alive now."

A huge grin slowly split Ragbag's face. Mary Louise was so happy she fell asleep again. When she woke up, Ragbag still wore a big grin and Lion Cub was nestled up against him.

After that, Mary Louise was very careful how she behaved. For if her silent companions were alive through her spirit, she wanted them to enjoy the very best life they could.

Questions

In the story, why did Mary Louise notice a little something in each of her silent companions which reminded her of herself?

Is there anything in us which reminds God of himself?

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

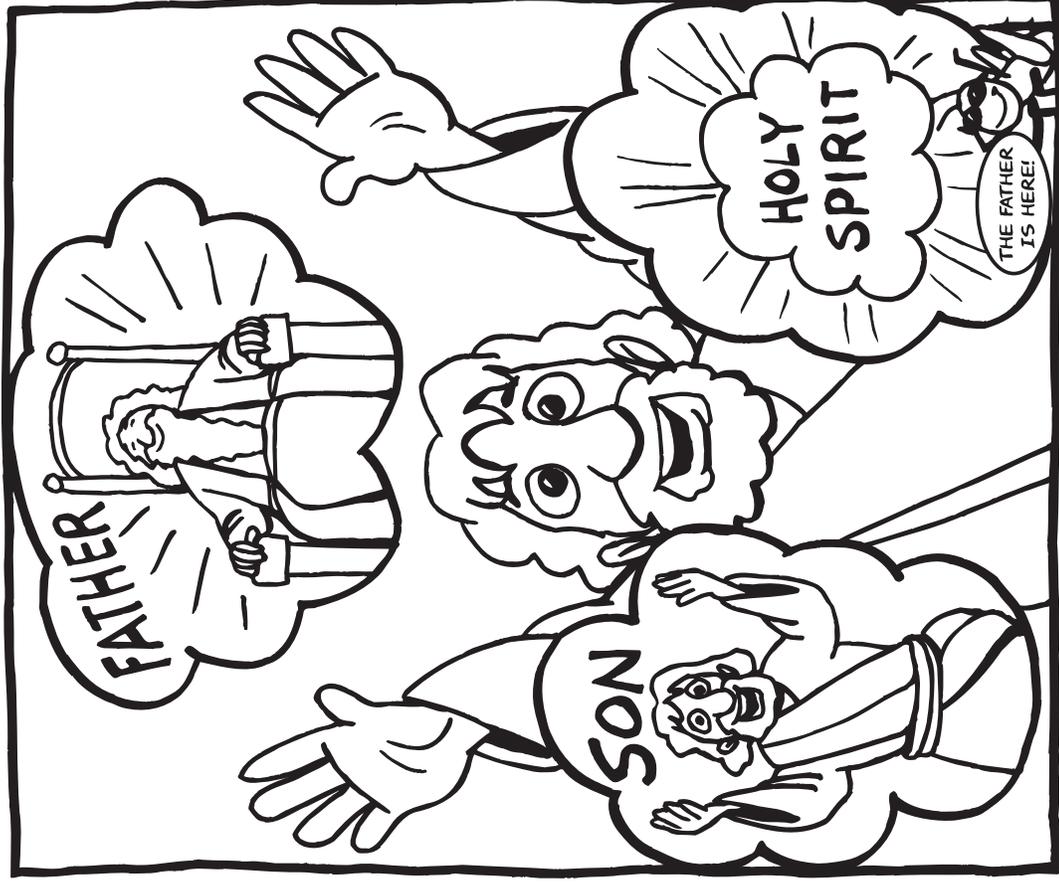
1. Throne is shorter
2. Sash has stripes
3. Arm is moved
4. Mouth is changed
5. Ears are missing
6. Beard is shorter
7. Holy Spirit is larger
8. Throne front is different
9. Rays are added
10. Medallion is added

WORD FIND

Answers

FALLEN LETTER PUZZLE

All that the Father has is mine ... He will take what is mine and declare it to you.



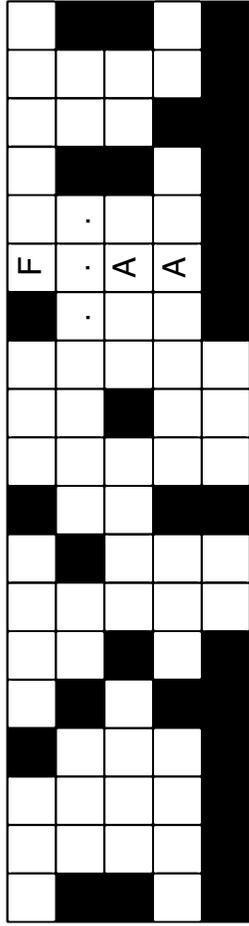
Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
John 16:12-15



Fallen Letter Puzzle

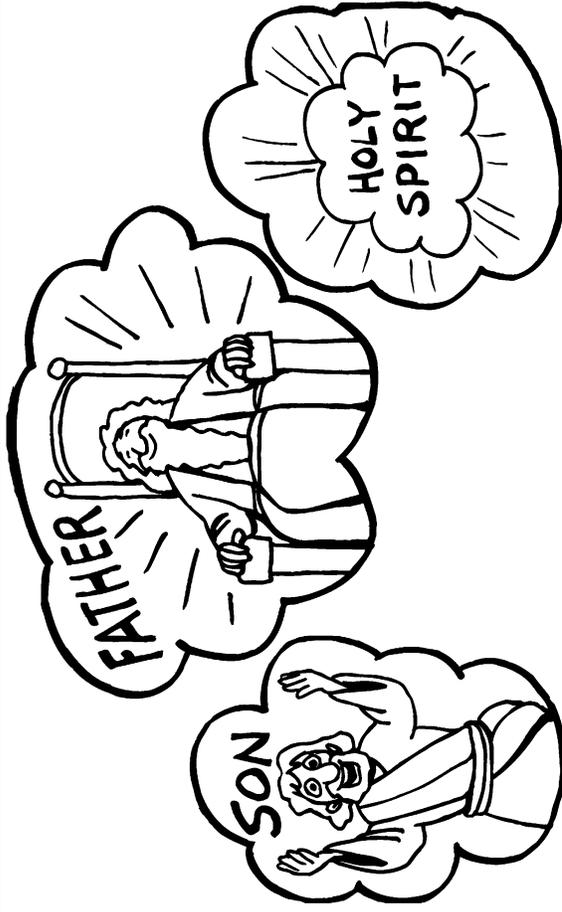
Place one letter from each column into the spaces above to rebuild the words. The phrase is a verse in today's Gospel story, John 16:12-15. One column has been done for you!



S T U
 I A T D E N W I
 L N S H N A D E E A T H S
 A W I E T I A O M I O E E L F R E H E T
 M H L L A T T K Y H C H A T I E R

Picture Differences

Below are two drawings from today's Gospel story. There are ten differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in the bottom drawing, then check the answers on the back.



Word Find

Find the words from today's Gospel story. Words go forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally. One has been done for you.

Words to find:

- DECLARE
- FATHER
- GLORIFY
- GUIDE
- HEARS
- JOHN
- MINE
- SPEAK
- SPIRIT
- TRUTH

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