

Alice And The Angel

Key Word: **Pray**

Key Verse: He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." *Luke 11:1*

The angel was sitting on the old tree stump. Alice said, "Will you teach me how to pray?" She thought that sounded suitably holy. "Okay," the angel replied.

Alice blinked and found herself with the angel in a wooded glade. Sunlight was filtering through the trees, playing on the surface of a stream wandering at the foot of a small bank. Alice just gazed. She thought she had never seen anything so beautiful.

After a bit the angel said, "Go ahead, then. Ask for anything you want." "I'd love my Gran to be here," Alice said wistfully. Gran was in the hospital.

Immediately, Gran was in the glen. She was in a wheelchair, but she looked fit and well, and very happy.

As Alice watched her Gran, she found herself thinking of other people. As she thought, so each person appeared in the glen. Tammy, Alice's best friend, whose parents were splitting up, looked happy for the first time in months. Davy Jenkins, whom Alice disliked and who was on probation, had an expression of wonder on his face.

Alice thought of children who were starving, and people whose homes had been flooded when the river overflowed its banks. They all came to the glade.

At last Alice said to the angel, "Will it last? Will they stay happy?"

"That's not for you to know," said the angel. "Real prayer doesn't depend on knowing the results. It's about being in God's presence, and holding other people in his presence with you."

Alice nodded. But she had another question. "I know people were happy here in God's presence, but suppose I want something extra special for them?"

"Then hold them in the waterfall of God's love," said the angel. "It's full of healing because it's living water. And it drenches every part of you."

Alice had just one last question. "How will I ever find this place again?"

"Any time you want to come here," said the angel, "just find a quiet spot, close your eyes, and picture the glade in your mind. God is present everywhere, so you can choose anywhere you like."

And Alice was content.

Questions

Why did Jesus find "a certain place" to pray?

In the story, why did the wooded glade help Alice to pray?

BOGGLE
Some possible words are:

AGE	ERROR	RARE
AGATE	GATE	RAT
ATE	GEAR	REAR
ANT	GRANT	RENT
ARE	GREAT	TAN
AREA	GRATE	TAG
ARENA	GRATER	TEA
EAR	HARE	TEAR
EAT	ORE	TEN
EATEN	ORGAN	
ERA	RAG	
ERR	RAGE	

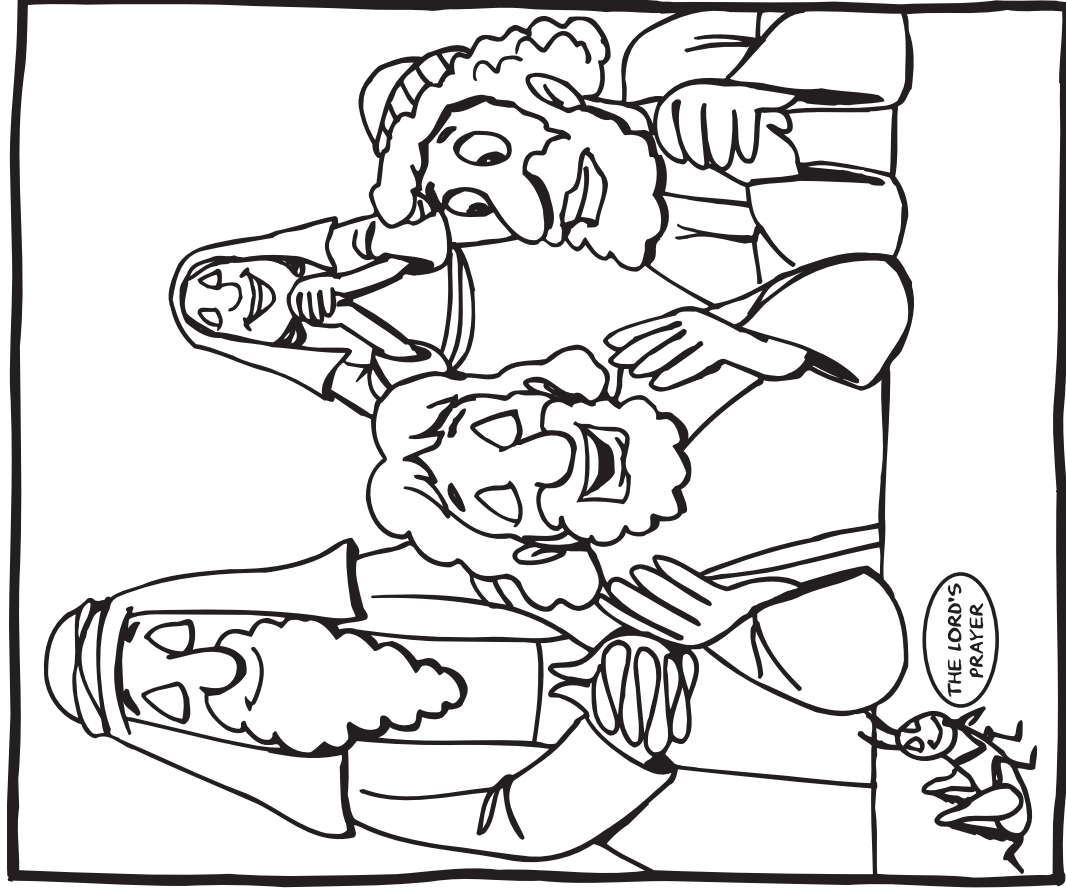
PICTURE DIFFERENCES

1. Beard is longer
2. Eyes are open
3. Plate is missing
4. Urn is different
5. Sash is missing
6. Hat is different
7. Mouth is open
8. Headdress is longer
9. Finger is missing
10. Window is smaller

Answers

FALLEN LETTER PUZZLE

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

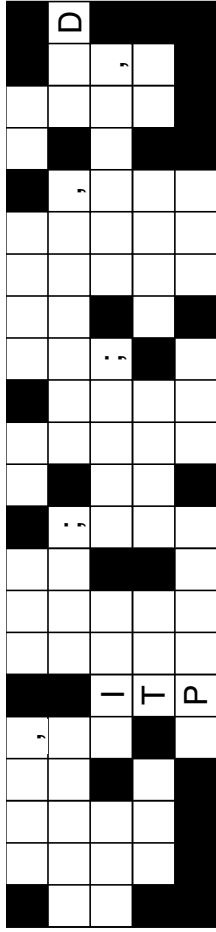


Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Luke 11:1-13

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, Luke 11:1-13. Two columns have
been done for you!

[illegible]

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.

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R	A	G	E
E	R	A	N
O	R	E	T

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

Picture Differences

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

