

Tracey's Temper

Key Word: **Stress**

Key Verse: I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! *Luke 12:50*

They were all playing Truth or Dare, and Tracey didn't know which was worst. The dares were becoming more and more scary. On the other hand, she was terrified of being required to reveal her innermost secrets, for she knew perfectly well all the others would laugh themselves silly.

"Your turn, Tracey," announced James.

"Truth or dare?"

Fearfully, Tracey said, "Dare."

James said, "I dare you to go into the supermarket and take one of those big candy bars."

Tracey swallowed. She didn't want to steal, but these were the only friends she had, and at times they'd all been nice to her. If she refused, they'd just leave her alone, and she'd find herself with no friends at all. Perhaps it wouldn't matter just this once. She thought of being arrested, and how her family would feel. She pictured her mother's tears and her father's fury, and she felt very miserable.

Tracey felt a lot of pressure from the others, who were all eyeing her expectantly. But she also felt a lot of pressure from her own conscience. And she felt even more pressure from her family, almost as though her parents were right there watching her. Suddenly, Tracey shouted angrily, "This is

wrong. I'm not going to do it. And I'm never going to join in again."

There was a stunned silence. Then James sneered, "Scaredy-cat, scaredy-cat! You're too scared to be in my gang. Clear out!"

To her surprise, Tracey faced him, still angry. "You're right, James, I am scared. But stealing is wrong. I like you guys, but I can't steal, even for you. I wouldn't be able to live with myself."

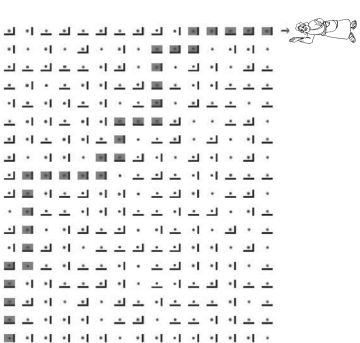
She started to walk away, certain she had ruined everything. None of them would ever want to speak to her again. But to her astonishment, some of the gang moved across to her and stood with her. "We'll go with you, Tracey," they said.

And Tracey knew it was going to be all right. The friendships that mattered would survive her anger and her outspokenness. She smiled at her new friends, and they went off together.

Questions

In the story, why did Tracey feel under pressure?

How did Tracey behave when she felt under pressure?



Anti-Maze



V Q T L M P Z J S Q E A P
A O E G C C A T W Q W Q A
E B A G G H G D I H X X B K
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Answers

Word Find

Letter Tile Puzzle

Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth?



Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Luke 12:49-56



Letter Tile Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story, Luke 12:49-56. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.

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TO	AT	I	H	DO	BRI	E	A	RTH	INK
CO	TH	CE	THE						

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:
AGAINST
BAPTISM
BRING
COME
DAUGHTER
DIVIDED
DIVISION
EARTH
FATHER
FIRE
HAVE
HOUSEHOLD
KINDLED
LUKE
MOTHER
PEACE
STRESS
THINK
THREE

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

Anti-Maze

In today's Gospel story Jesus is asking the people to pay attention and to understand the times. Help the people find their way to Jesus and to be better followers of Jesus and learn the meaning of the present times. Remember, to solve the puzzle you must travel dot to dot through walls, and do not move in a diagonal direction. We have started the path for you.

