

Basil's Journey

Key Word: Cost

Key Verse: For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? *Luke 14:28*

Basil was lonely and cold and very, very tired. Basil could just remember some good times with Mr. Frasier, his owner. But over the years with Mr. Frasier, the walks had become shorter and the ball had disappeared. Occasionally Mr. Frasier would forget to feed Basil.

Then one day, Mr. Frasier had whistled to Basil to jump into the car. Mr. Frasier drove for hours. When he stopped, Basil leapt out and bounded into the undergrowth, then trotted back. But the car and Mr. Frasier had disappeared.

Basil searched for Mr. Frasier, but found no trace of him. In the end, he decided to go home, and began to follow his nose.

And this had been Basil's pattern for months now. He'd walked and rested, stolen food and been chased by angry people. He'd been intimidated by other dogs, and once, only just escaped capture and a visit to the dog pound.

But today at long last, he was sure he was near home. Basil limped into the garden and was spotted by Mr. Frasier's next door neighbor. Mrs. Plumpton peered closely at him.

"Basil?" she said. "Surely — no, it can't be! It's months since he took you away."

Basil inched his way towards her and began to lick her hand. She stooped down

and fondled his ears. "Why, Basil! I really think it is you! I'll take you to Mr. Frasier. He's being looked after in an old people's home."

She took Basil to see Mr. Frasier that afternoon. Basil pushed his head into Mr. Frasier's hand, and began to lick him. After a moment, a light came into Mr. Frasier's eyes, and he began to respond to Basil. Then a slow smile spread over his face. "Basil!" he said. And tears sprang into Mrs.

Plumpton's eyes, for Mr. Frasier hadn't spoken a word for three months.

Basil was so popular with all the old people that the owners of the home decided to keep him. He had a wonderful new life, petted and pampered by everyone there. But his favorite place was always lying at Mr. Frasier's feet.

Questions

In the story, what was the cost to Basil of finding Mr. Frasier?

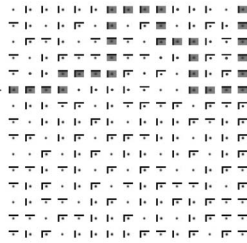
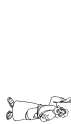
Why did Jesus warn people to count the cost before deciding to follow him?

Give up all your possessions.

Secret Phrase:

DISCIPLE	TRAVELING
TOWER	WAGE
HATE	THOUSAND
BUILD	PEACE
KING	FINISH
CROSS	OPPOSE

Anti-Maze

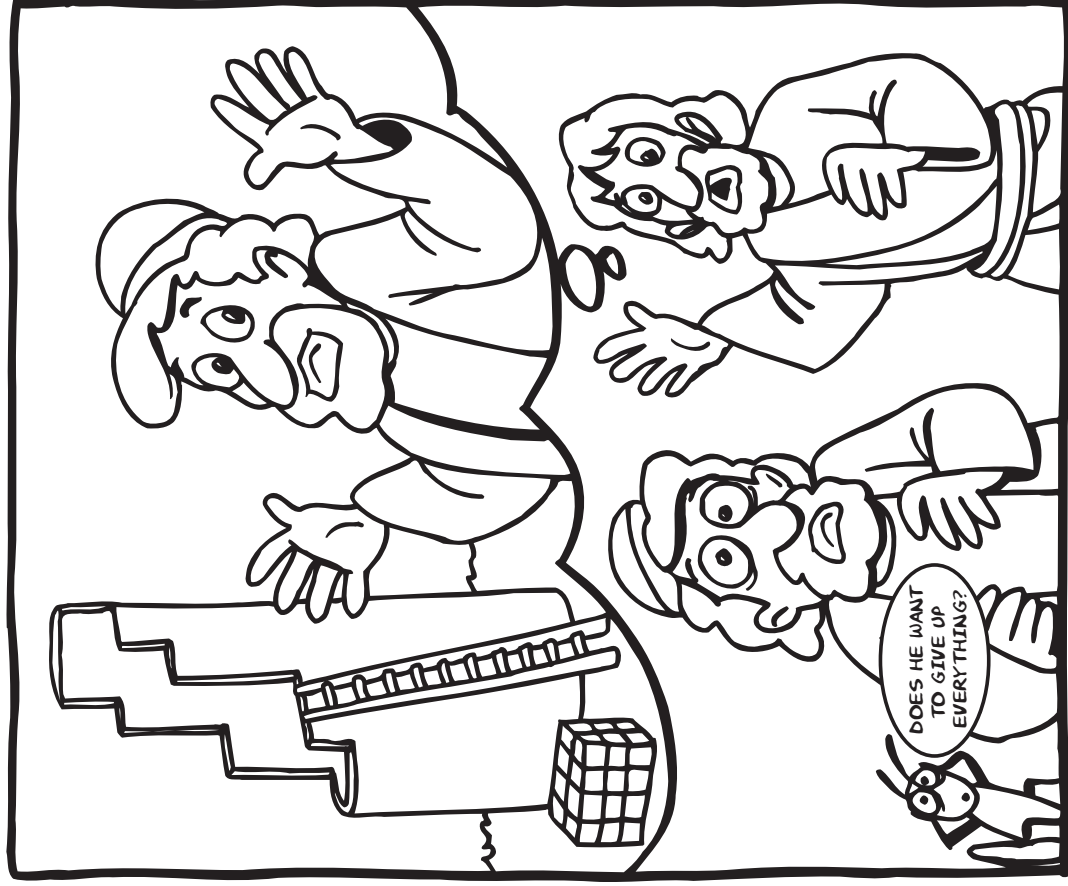


Jumble Puzzle

Across	Down
3. Disciple	1. Build
5. Possessions	2. Comes
7. Crowds	4. Peace
8. Luke	6. Follow
9. Tower	

Crossword Puzzle

Answers



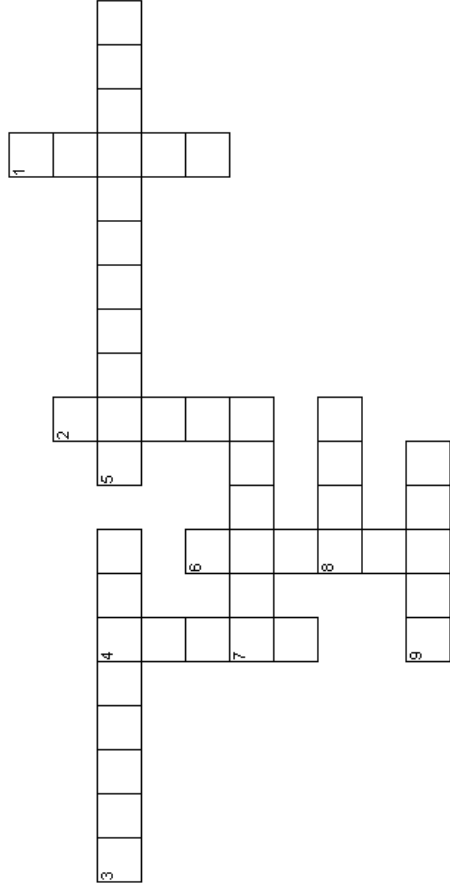
Gospel Grams



Today's Gospel Story
is from
Luke 14:25-33

Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel story, Luke 14:25-33. Read the clues. Then fill in the squares below with the answers.



Across

3. You cannot be one without a cross
5. Disciples must give up these
7. These were traveling with him
8. Where in the Bible is this lesson
9. Estimate the cost before you build one

Down

1. This fellow began to
2. Whoever to me
4. Terms of
6. To be a disciple you must

Jumble Puzzle

Unscramble each word from today's Gospel story. Then place the numbered letters in the boxes at the bottom for a special message from the lesson.

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Anti-Maze

In today's Gospel story Jesus talks about the cost of being a disciple. He says we cannot follow him unless we love him more than our parents, our brothers and sisters, and ourselves. None of us can be a disciple of Jesus unless we give up everything that we have. Help the people make their choice to follow Jesus. 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.

