

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES

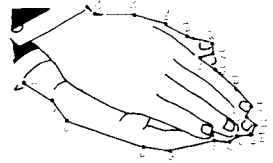
[Jerusalem] — Before he was ready to return to heaven, Jesus prayed for his disciples. He asked his Father in heaven to watch over them and to help them agree with each other, so that they would not fight and forget about doing God's work in the world.

The disciples had been thinking about what it would be like when Jesus went away. They thought they might not have the power to do the work Jesus wanted them all to do. They knew Jesus wanted them to love one another, and also the people who did not love them. But they did not know if they would be able to do it once Jesus went away.

When Jesus prayed for them they realized that they would not be left alone and forgotten. Since Jesus told them that he and his Father shared everything, they knew they had a friend in heaven. They knew that Jesus' Father had helped him while he was living with them. Now they knew that Jesus' Father would help them too. Jesus' prayer for them was proof that it was true.

John 17:1-11

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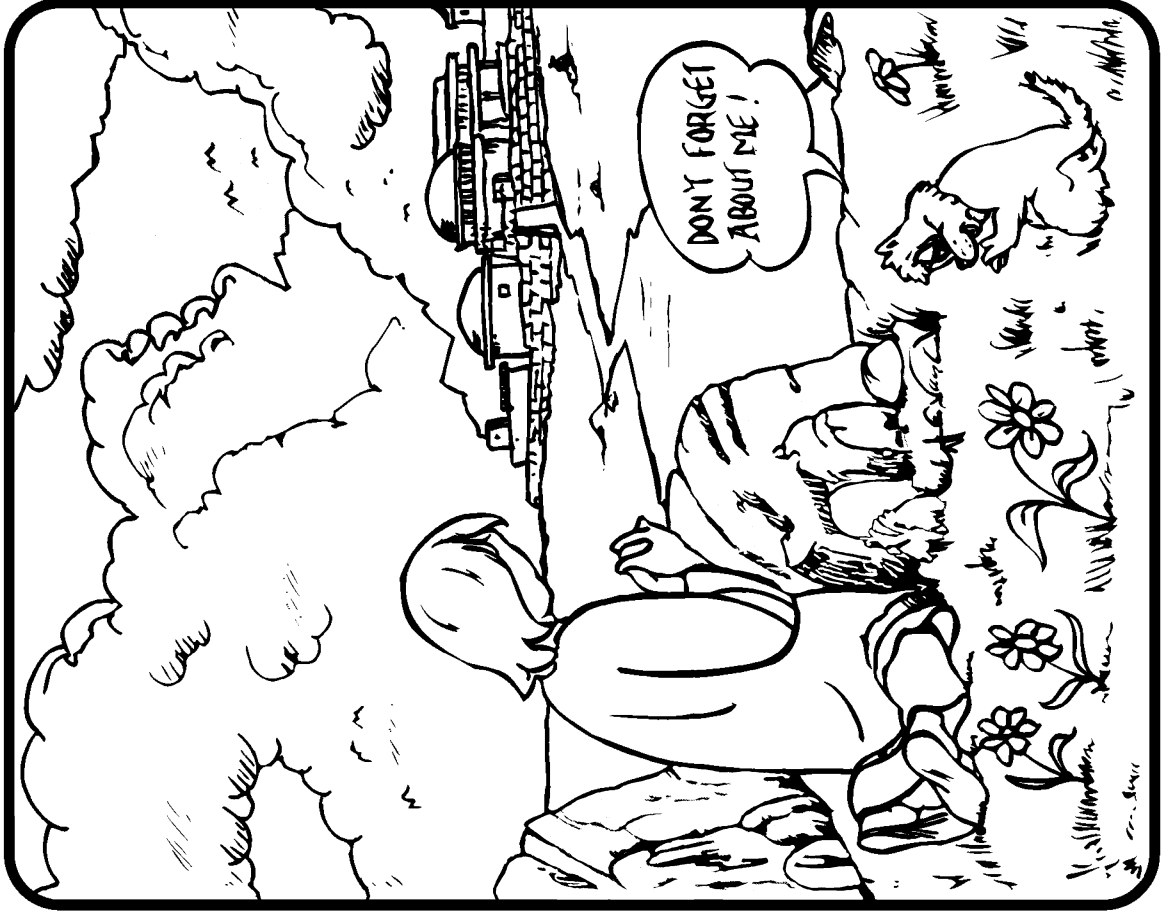


THEY HAD A FRIEND IN HEAVEN.
HIDDEN MESSAGE:
What did the disciples discover?

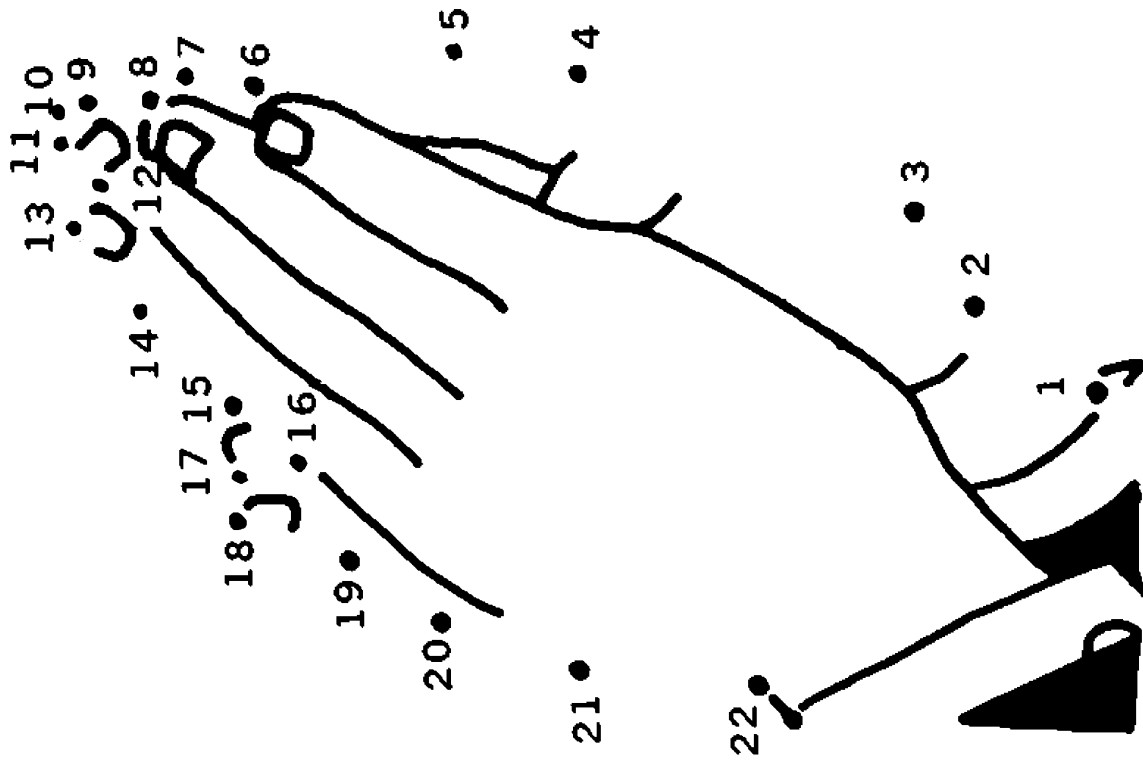
ANSWERS

Gospel Grams

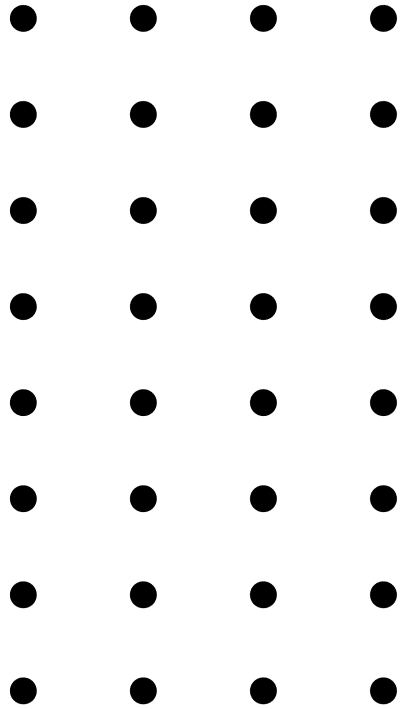
SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Finish The Picture. Jesus prayed to his Father for us. He also wants us to pray when we need God's help. Here is a picture about prayer. Connect all the numbers to see what it is.



Make a Square. Play this fun game with a friend. Each of you takes turns connecting two lines together. When your line completes a square, you win that square. When you win a square, either write your initial in it or color it your color. Then you get another turn! The one with the most squares wins!



Hidden Message. In today's Gospel story, Jesus promised something special to his disciples. To discover what it was, use the code below to find the hidden message and write it on the blanks.

Code:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
6	13	22	1	25	11	18	3	15	24	10	19	7
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
12	21	2	17	26	23	5	14	9	16	20	4	8

What did the disciples discover?

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