

Gotcha!

Key Words: **Teachers**

Key Verse: "And even the hairs of your head are all counted." *Matthew 10:30*

Steven couldn't believe his luck. He'd been at the mall feeling miserable because he had no money. He wanted to buy a new computer game because all his friends were raving about it. He had been in the store staring at the game. As he'd walked out of the store, staring at the floor, he noticed a \$50 bill lying beside the trashcan. Steven looked all around, but there was no one in sight. He looked to see whether a wallet or purse had been thrown away, but there was nothing. Steven picked up the bill and thrust it into his pocket. He ran back into the shop and bought his game, and had enough money left over to buy his mother a box of chocolates. It was his lucky day!

It was great fun playing the game, and Steven became an expert, then he began to tire of it. One evening he sat down to watch television with his mom rather than play his game. One of his favorite programs was on. His mother hated "Gotcha!" because she hated seeing people put into embarrassing situations, but she watched it because it was good to have an evening with her son.

Steven couldn't stop laughing as he watched a man trying to mail a letter in a mailbox that kept moving, and a woman who was left holding a dog on a leash while the owner of the dog went into a

shop — but never came out. Even funnier was the man who became angry when a "passerby" who was really part of the show, couldn't understand his simple instructions. Then Steven saw his local mall on the television. He sat up excitedly, but this changed to horror when the cameras focused on a \$50 bill lying by the trashcan. Steven cringed as he watched himself come out of the store, spot the money, look all around, then pick up the money and slip it into his pocket. He felt so ashamed as he saw the look of distress on his mother's face. Without a word, she got the box of chocolates he had bought for her and held it out to him. He took it silently.

Steven spent the next weeks doing errands for neighbors until he had earned \$50, then he took the money to the police station and handed it in. "Thank you, son," said the policeman. "I wish they were all as honest as you."

Questions

What would you do if you found \$50 at the mall?

Jesus said the hairs on our heads have all been counted. What does that mean?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 10:24-39



1. Sun rays are missing
2. Birds are smaller
3. Bird's beak is closed
4. Turban stripes
5. Flower is missing
6. Ear is missing
7. Mountain line
8. Bushes are missing
9. Mouth is different
10. Shirt neckline

Even the hairs of your
head are all counted.

more value than many sparrows.

Do not be afraid; you are of

Cryptogram

Letter Tile Puzzle

Answers

Letter Tile Puzzle

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

T	H	V	A	E	O	A	F	Y	S	O	R	E	N	O	T	D	;		
M	A	N	F	M	A	R	Y	O	U	P	A	R	B	E	D	O	R	A	I
R	O	W	L	U	E	A	N	S	.										

Cryptogram

Solve the puzzle (a verse from today's Gospel story) by figuring out the code and placing the corresponding letter in the space above that number. Four letters have been done for you.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
17							10						16						19						

$\frac{N}{1 \quad 4 \quad 1 \quad 16}$
 $\frac{T \quad H}{19 \quad 10 \quad 1}$
 $\frac{H \quad A}{10 \quad 17 \quad 7 \quad 15 \quad 8}$
 $\frac{}{21 \quad 22}$
 $\frac{}{26 \quad 21 \quad 20 \quad 15}$

$\frac{H}{10 \quad 1 \quad 17 \quad 24}$
 $\frac{A}{17 \quad 15 \quad 1}$
 $\frac{A}{17 \quad 11 \quad 11}$
 $\frac{N \quad T}{18 \quad 21 \quad 20 \quad 16 \quad 19 \quad 1 \quad 24}$

Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are nine differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in each drawing then check the answers on the back.

