

# Tim Takes Up His Cross

Key Word: **Stumble**

Key Verse: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." *Matthew 16:24*

Tim loved his older brother, Scott, and he wanted to spend time with him every day, but Scott didn't want his little brother around, most of the time! Scott was in high school and he and his friends got into trouble sometimes. Tim thought they might even be trying drugs, but he didn't say anything to his mom and dad because he didn't want them to be angry with Scott.

One night, Tim heard Scott sneaking out the back door. He waited a few minutes and snuck out, too. He followed the big boys, but he was careful to stay hidden. When they got downtown the boys broke the window of one of the shops and went inside. The alarm began to go off. The boys all ran away quickly, but Scott had cartons of cigarettes with him as he ran.

Scott snuck back in and hid the cigarettes in his room. Tim was very scared. He went right to his room, crawled into bed, and quietly cried.

The next morning, news of the break-in was on the radio and television news. The police were asking for help to catch those responsible. They said this had happened to three other local shops

in the past few weeks. Tim was afraid to tell his parents, or the police, but he could not concentrate on his school-work. He had to do something. He began to pray.

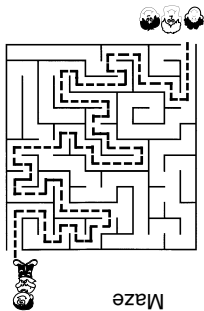
He finally got brave enough to tell the police what had happened and they called in his parents. Everyone was proud that he was brave enough to tell the story. His brother had to spend some time at the juvenile detention center, and with his friends, he had to pay for the damages to the buildings. Scott was mad at him at first, but then he forgave him and told him he wanted to start being more like Tim when he came home. Tim knew he had done what God wanted him to do.

### Questions

1. If you see someone do something that breaks the law, what do you do?
2. Why was it hard for Tim to tell on his brother?

# Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story  
is from  
**Matthew 16:21-28**



Maze

Let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross  
and follow me.

Cryptogram

### Answers

**Twisted Word Search**

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

Twisted Word Search

## Twisted Word Search

Find each of the words in the verse in the puzzle. If a word appears more than once, you must find it more than once. Remember, words in a twisted word search **DO NOT** always go in a straight line! One word has been done for you.

Matthew 16:23

**“Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”**

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

## 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. Two 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
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E UP    E                LL  
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ME  
 14 12

## Maze

Today's Gospel story teaches us that God is a perfect Father who always knows what's best for us. We don't always understand his way of seeing things, but we try and follow him the best that we can. We trust that, in his great wisdom, he knows what's best for us. Mark has decided that it would be fun to share his bag of marbles with his friends. Help Mark find his way through the maze to his friends.

