

Praxis Plays A Prank

Key Word: **Mischief**

Key Verse: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." *Matthew 21:42b*

Praxis the colorful pixie was up to mischief. Praxis was a very rare pixie whose skin changed color according to his mood, and just now he was bright purple with excitement. Mr. Grump the science teacher had been called away by an urgent message, and there was nobody to check what was going on. He started to make faces at his friends and they began to giggle. Then Praxis started to splash red liquid over a pixie in the front row who was quietly working. The pixie jumped up, and cried at the scarlet stain all over his brand new pixie school uniform. The pixie began to cry. But this just made naughty Praxis and his friends laugh.

As the laughter grew louder, the door opened and an older pixie said, "I've been sent to make sure you are all getting on with your work!"

Praxis and his friends laughed and threw a whole container of red liquid over the intruder. He left, slamming the door behind him. Almost all the pixies began to throw their vials of red liquid at each other. They were covered from head to foot in scarlet stain.

When Mr. Grump reached the classroom, he was very angry. Everyone was

covered in scarlet stains — except that one pixie with bright purple skin!

"Come here, Praxis," said Mr. Grump in an ominous voice. Praxis took one look at his teacher and began to shake. The whole room became very quiet, and every pixie was suddenly busy with his science lessons.

Praxis changed color from his exciting purple to a very sad blue! And by the time Mr. Grump had finished with him, his blue color was blotchy with shame. After that, he had to spend a very long time with his science lessons, he had to take the color out of every scarlet stain on each pixie in the whole room.

It took him months, gathering all the ingredients and cleaning over and over until he was finished. How Praxis wished he'd listened in the first place!

Questions

1. What was Praxis supposed to do while his teacher was gone?
2. Do you think Praxis got a fair punishment?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 21:33-46



- Crossword Puzzle
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| Down | Across |
| 1. Slaves | 5. Inheritance |
| 2. Cornerstone | 7. Son |
| 3. Vineyard | 9. Stoned |
| 4. Tenants | 10. Parable |
| 6. Kingdom | |
| 8. God | |

Letter Tile Puzzle

The stone that the
builders rejected has
become the cornerstone.

ANSWERS

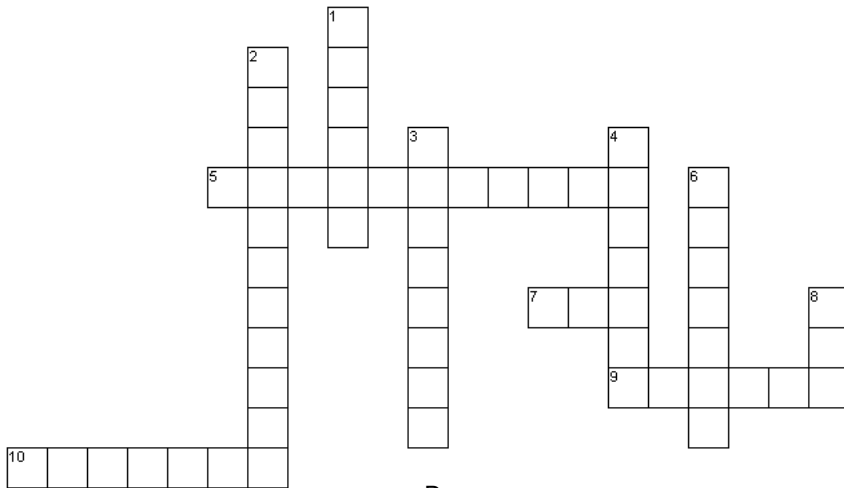
Letter Tile Puzzle

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.

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Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel story. Read the clues. Then fill in the squares below with the answers to the questions.



Across

- The tenants wanted the son's _____
- They will respect him
- They did this to one of the slaves
- Listen to this

Down

- He sent them to collect the produce
- The rejected stone became this
- What the landowner planted
- They beat the slaves
- The fruits of the _____
- The kingdom of _____ will be taken away

Square O Dots

Play this fun game with a friend. Each of you takes turns connecting two dots 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!

