

The Butterfly

Key Word: Newness

Key Verse: Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. *Luke 24:45*

Last week Thelma stayed with her grandparents. She had a wonderful time with them. Her grandparents had taken her for a long walk in the woods, and she had held her Grandpa's hand as he had shown her hidden bird's nests, concealed fox holes, and lots of rabbit burrows. For Thelma, who lived in the city, it opened up a whole new world. She was so happy that she danced and sang all the way back to the house.

Mom came to pick her up. Thelma had run straight to her, to tell her all about the day. The car roared off, and by the time Thelma turned around to wave to Granny and Grandpa, they'd gone indoors. "Never mind, dear," Thelma's mom said. "Granny and Grandpa say you can go and stay with them for a whole week during the next school break, if you want."

That was such good news that Thelma stopped worrying about not saying goodbye. She promised herself she'd write a letter and draw a picture for Granny and Grandpa to say thank you for a great time. But just a day later, Thelma heard her mom scream when she answered the phone. Thelma rushed over, in fear. Her mom said that Grandpa had died suddenly. Thelma felt hollow inside, and there was a funny kind of pain. She cried and cried. "I didn't say goodbye to Grandpa, and I didn't thank him. I wish I had."

At the funeral, Thelma heard the pastor talk about "hope" and "new life." Just then, Thelma spotted a butterfly fluttering gently on Thelma's favorite stained glass window. It had the most beautiful colors Thelma had ever seen. "That's Grandpa!" thought Thelma. Part of her was aware it was only a butterfly, but as she watched it, Thelma's heart lifted. No one else seemed to have noticed it, and Thelma felt it was hers alone. "Goodbye Grandpa," she whispered, and the butterfly fluttered on Thelma's window, just as though it had heard her.

Thelma still missed her Grandpa, and it still hurt inside her, but somehow it was different now. Whenever she felt sad there was nearly always a butterfly nearby. Thelma knew that her Grandpa was alive in a different dimension, just like Jesus, and that made even the pain seem easier.

Questions

What did Thelma wish she had done?

Why were Jesus' disciples frightened of him?

- PICTURE DIFFERENCES**
- SHELF VASE
 - HEAD SCARF
 - FOOD
 - GOBLET
 - HAT
 - APRON
 - EYES

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

WORD CIRCUS

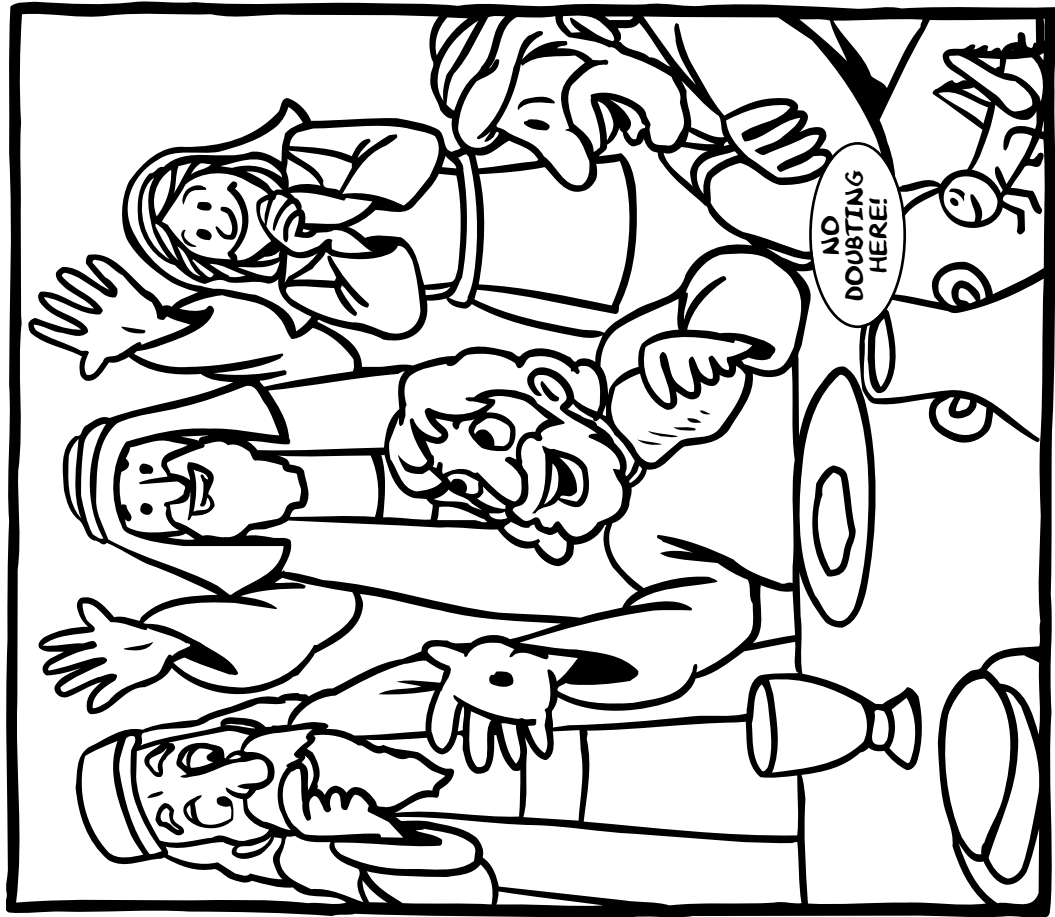
Answers

WORD FIND

P X D R G Y S I K L K V D
 E N B T O U C H R H C D R O R
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Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Luke 24:36b-48



Word Find Puzzle

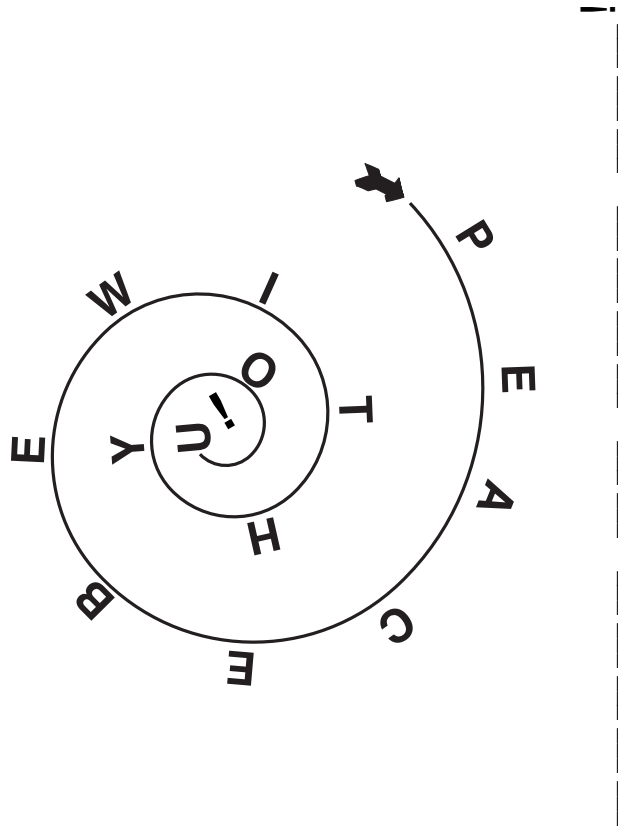
Here are thirteen words from today's Gospel story. Some are printed upside down, backwards, or at an angle. One is done for you. How many can you find?

Word List:

- JESUS
 - PEACE
 - DOUBTS
 - HANDS
 - FEET
 - TOUCH
 - GHOST
 - FLESH
 - JOY
 - WORD
 - SCRIPTURE
 - THIRD
 - DAY
- P X D R G Y S I K L K V D
 E N B T O U C H C D R O R
 A N V H C D R A Y G U T O
 C X Q I F S I N V B P H W
 E Z Q R J B P T S X P K H L
 D D Q D C P T S X P K H L
 G H T D F R U V P T D G K
 V F R A L T R E C D R B H T
 Y R T Y E D E V H P K F J
 N B H T S O H T R N Y J H
 C D E X H U H T P B N R O Q
 F X C D W Q J L S U S E J

Word Circus Puzzle

A phrase from today's Gospel story is encircled below. Write each letter as you come to it on the lines below to disclose the message. Start at the arrow.



Picture Differences Puzzle

Below are two drawings. There are ten differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences as you find them.

