

Holy Trinity

Key Word: Sacrifice

Key Verse: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Sarah's parents had a new baby. Sarah was excited because she wanted a brother very much. She was also excited because this meant that her mom was going to be at home taking care of Sarah and baby Michael. Mom would be home to hug her in the afternoons and read to her each day. Maybe they would make cookies or go shopping together and they wouldn't have to rush around like they had to do when Mom was working all week and they had to shop on Saturdays.

For ten weeks everything seemed wonderful. Each day Sarah, Michael, and their mom spent time doing wonderful things. Each night Sarah prayed that her mom would not go back to work. But Sarah noticed a sadness in her mom's eyes and she heard her mom talking to a friend on the phone. Her mom was saying that she wasn't ready to go back to work, but she only had two more weeks of time left.

This made Sarah very upset. She pouted all day long and she barely looked at Michael or her mom. After supper that night, after Michael was in bed, Sarah's parents asked her to come in and talk to them. They both hugged her a long time, then her dad said, "Sarah, your mom says you've been upset all day. Tell us what is going on."

Sarah began to cry. She told them how much she liked having her mom at home with her and Michael. She told them that she had been praying every night for her mom not to go back to work, and she felt like God was not listening to her prayers.

Her mom began to cry, also. She told Sarah that she had been praying about this, too, but she knew that she had to go to work. She told Sarah that both she and Sarah's dad had talked to their bosses and that they were both going to work, but their hours would be different. Her mom would work four long days and her dad would work four long evenings, but that would mean that each of them got to spend more time at home and that Sarah and Michael would only be at the sitters for a few hours each week.

Sarah was happy to find that she was going to have more time with each of her parents, even though it meant they were sacrificing time with each other for a while. Sarah thanked God for answering her prayers.

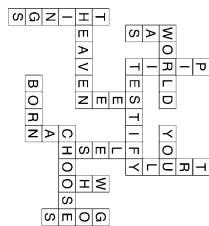
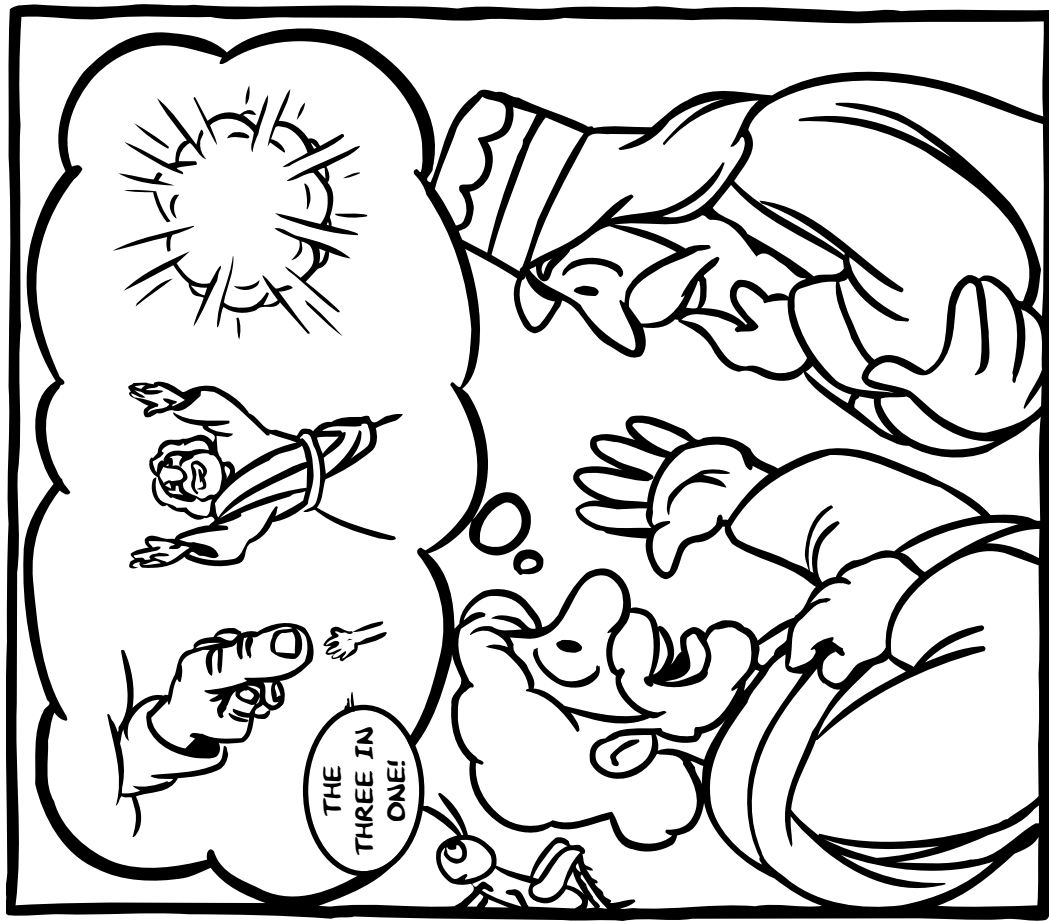
Questions

Why did Sarah want her mom not to go back to work?

In today's Bible reading, what is Jesus explaining to Nicodemus?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
John 3:1-17



PUZZLE WITHOUT NUMBERS

- PICTURE DIFFERENCES
- BIRD
 - HAND IN CLOUD
 - HAIR
 - HAT
 - FINGERS
 - CLOAK
 - SASH
 - TREE
 - NOSE
 - SLEEVE

Answers

WORD SCRAMBLE

NICODEMUS	JEW'S
PHARISEE	RABBI
SECOND	NIGHT
PRESENCE	SIGNS
TEACHER	BORN
KINGDOM	
SPIRIT	

FINAL MESSAGE:
BORN AGAIN

Word Scramble Puzzle

Unscramble each of the clue words and write the letters on the lines. Take the letters that appear in the circles and unscramble them for the final message.

SUMDECION _____ WSEJ _____

EPEHSRAI _____ BARBI _____

NDCESO _____ GNTIH _____

CNEESPRE _____ NGSSI _____

CRETHAE _____ NORB _____

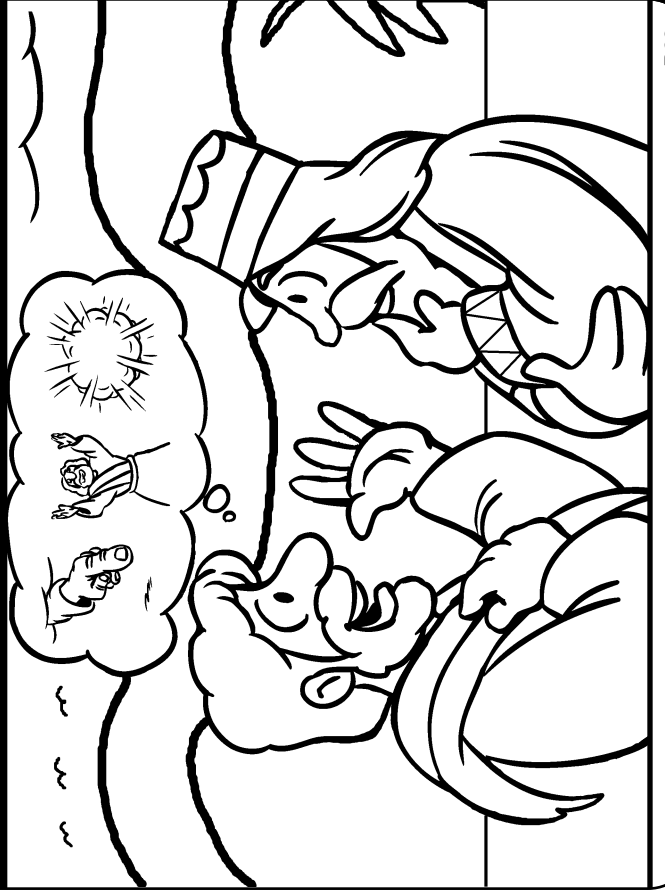
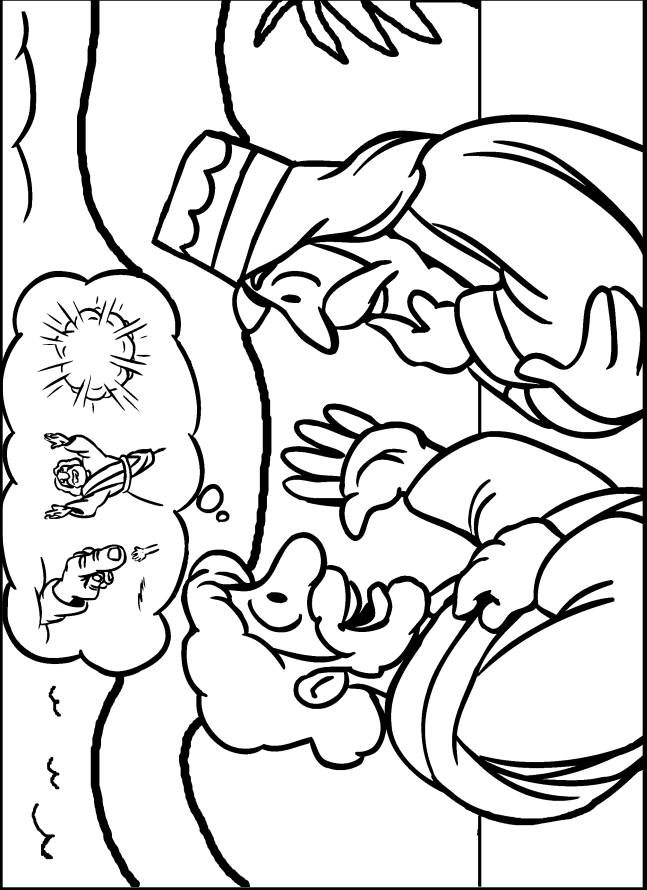
MODKNGI _____

TRISPI _____

FINAL MESSAGE: _____

Picture Differences Puzzle

Below are two drawings from today's Gospel story. There are ten differences in these drawings. Circle the differences as you find them.



Puzzle Without Numbers

Fill in them empty boxes with letters that will spell one of the words at the left.

3 Letter Words

WAS _____

YOU _____

WHO _____

CAN _____

4 Letter Words

GOES _____

JUST _____

SEEN _____

BORN _____

5 Letter Words

TRULY _____

WORLD _____

FLESH _____

SPIRIT _____

6 Letter Words

HEAVEN _____

THINGS _____

CHOOSE _____

7 Letter Word

TESTIFY _____