Spreading Happiness

Key Word: **Strength**

Key Verse: It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth… *Mark 4:31*

When Darren was born he weighed just over four pounds. That is really small for a baby. He had to stay in the hospital after his mother came home so he could grow stronger. All of the nurses gave him special attention and he was a very happy baby. His parents took very special care of him.

He grew slowly as a little boy, but he was always happy and friendly. Everyone around him was made happier just to be near him. He would tell wonderful stories, or draw beautiful pictures, or write funny poems; sharing his talents with others always made them happy, and it made him feel good, too.

Darren studied hard and he got a full scholarship to the university he wanted to attend. He became a writer and published many books during his lifetime, for families to share.

Darren never did get very tall, but his talents grew and blossomed so much that no one even thought about how he looked. They only knew that what he wrote made them feel happy and warm and loved. He said he might be tiny like a mustard seed that grows into the greatest of all plants, spreading out its branches so the birds can make nests.

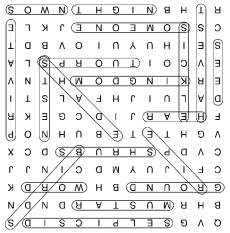
Darren's stories and pictures spread happiness into the hearts of all those who read his stories. He may have been small, but his gifts were very grand.

Questions

What did Darren do to share his talents?

Did Jesus' disciples always understand his stories?

WORD FIND



WORD SCRAMBLE

SCATTER SLEEP
GROWS SHRUBS
HARVEST LARGE
SHADE GRAIN
BIRDS

FINAL MESSAGE:

GREATEST

FILL IN THE SPACE

NIGHT ZEBRA PARABLE
SLEEP SCATTER SHRUBS
LARGE BRANCHES COMPARE
WORD EARTH SPOKE
ABLE EVERYTHING EXCEPT
NESTS KINGDOM FULL
JESUS PRIVATE SICKLE
GROUND SLEEP REQUEST
PRODUCES HARVEST

Answers

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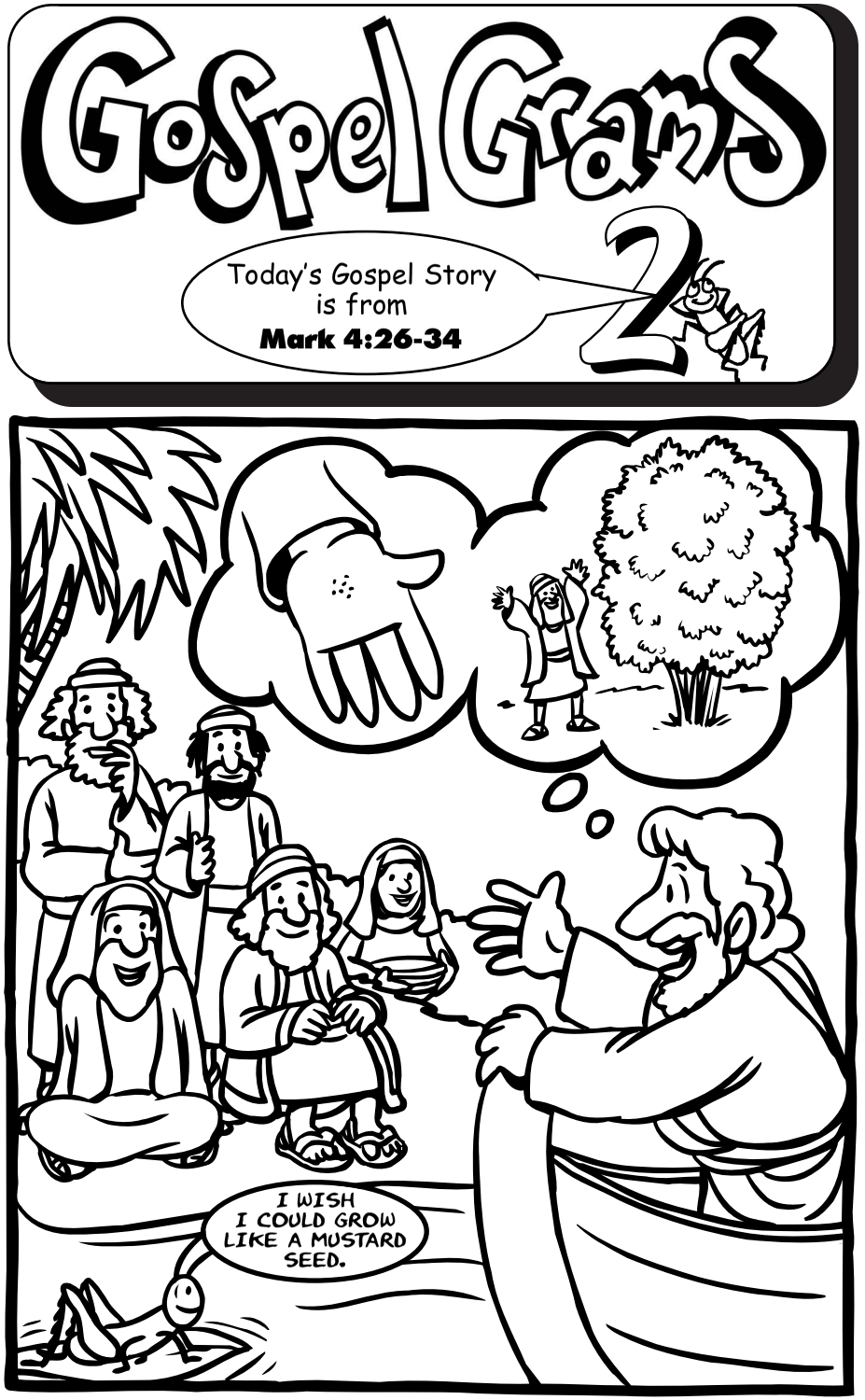

Word Find Puzzle

Here are 19 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?

~~BIRDS~~
DISCIPLES
GROUND
HARVEST
HEAR
KINGDOM
MUSTARD
NESTS
NIGHT
PRIVATE
RIPE
SEED
SHADE
SHRUBS
SICKLE
SOMEONE
SOWN
SPROUT
WORD

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

Word Scramble Puzzle

Unscramble each of the clue words and write the letters in the boxes. Take the letters that appear in ◯ boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

TCTASRE
RGWOS
THRAEVS
DSEHA
DBRIS
PLEES
HBSSRU
GRAEL
RNIAG

FINAL MESSAGE:

Fill In The Space Puzzle

Place one letter of the alphabet in the blank space to make a word from today's Gospel story. Words are at least 4 letters long. Use each alphabet letter only once. We have included an alphabet chart to mark off the letters as you use them. Two have already been done for you.

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

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