

DEAD MAN BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE!

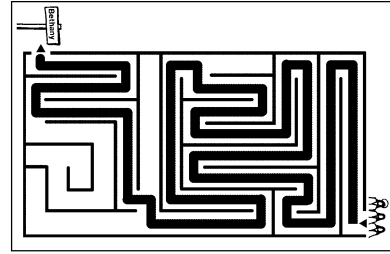
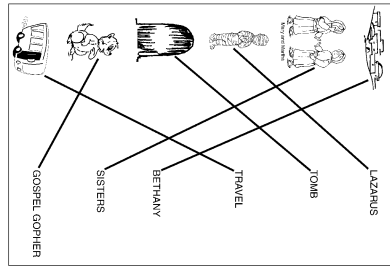
[Bethany, Judea] — People in this small town near the big city of Jerusalem are still talking about the exciting thing that happened when Jesus came for a visit. Jesus had three friends in Bethany. They were two sisters, Mary and Martha, and their brother, Lazarus. But while Jesus was out doing his work for God, Lazarus got sick and died.

Mary and Martha sent Jesus a message begging him to come before it was too late. But Jesus waited until Lazarus died. Mary and Martha were upset with him, but Jesus had stayed away on purpose. He knew what he would do when he got to Bethany. By the time Jesus and his disciples arrived, Lazarus was dead for four days and buried inside a stone tomb.

The big crowd of friends who had come out from Jerusalem felt sorry for Mary and Martha. They wondered why Jesus had been so cruel to them to let their brother die. But Jesus amazed everybody by bringing Lazarus back to life again, strong and healthy!

John 11:1-45

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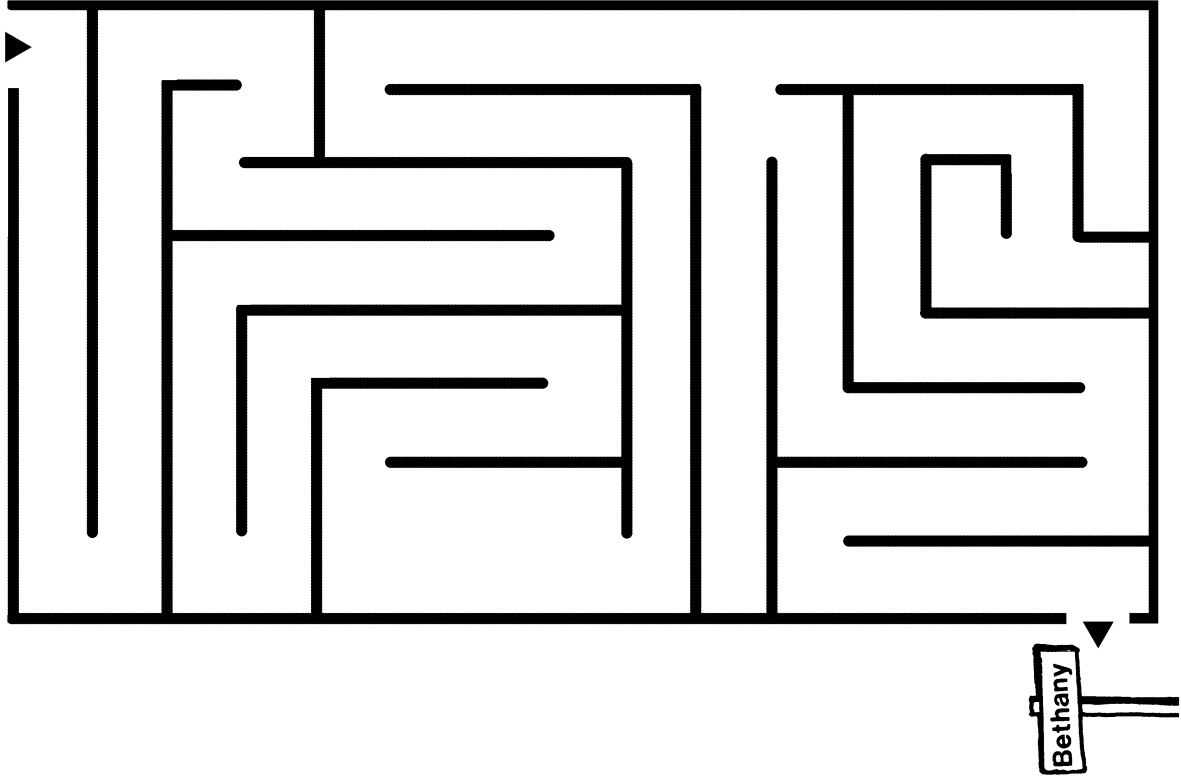
ANSWERS

Gospel Grams

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



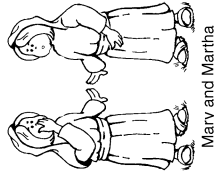
Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "Do you ever get tired of waiting? Mary and Martha did. Their brother was dying and Jesus still didn't come to help. You can help Jesus and his disciples find their way to Bethany. Draw a line starting where Jesus is and ending at the town of Bethany."



Matching Game. Below are some symbols and words from today's Gospel story. Match the symbols on the left side with the word on the right side that best describes it by drawing a line from one to the other.



LAZARUS



Mary and Martha

TOMB



TRAVEL



BETHANY



SISTERS



GOSPEL GOPHER