

Mandy's Cloth

Key Words: **Believe**

Key Verse: "I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the son." *John 14:13*

Mandy was only four when she started school. She was the youngest person in the class. Most of the other children were nearly a year older than she was. Mandy insisted on taking her blanket to school with her. It was just an old, small blanket. When Mandy was a tiny baby she had cuddled it to her, and when she grew older she would cry and scream until her mother gave her the blanket to cuddle. Mandy took her blanket everywhere with her.

On the first school day, Mandy's mother tried very hard to persuade Mandy to take a doll or a toy to school, but Mandy wasn't interested; it had to be her blanket. She marched into the classroom clutching it.

At recess, the teacher invited Mandy to leave her blanket in the classroom, but Mandy shook her head. Out in the playground, she began to play with a group of girls, but it wasn't long before some of the bigger boys spotted her and her blanket. The boys began to tease her, "Mandy, Mandy, you're a baby. Where are your diapers?" Mandy was bewildered. She had never been around other children, and didn't know what they meant. "I'm not a baby," she said. "I don't wear diapers."

The boys began to dance round her shouting and yelling, "Baby Mandy!

Mandy is a baby!" Then one of them grabbed her blanket, and they all ran off laughing, tossing and kicking the blanket between them like a football. Mandy felt as though part of herself had been torn away. She was too deeply hurt and shocked to react. Then another child ran over to her. "Mandy, come and play house with us. You can be the mommy if you like." Mandy soon discovered how to play, and she felt very grown up being a mother.

Mandy's teacher rescued the blanket from the boys and gave it to Mandy's mother. At bedtime, Mandy wasn't interested in her blanket. "I don't need that anymore," she told her mother, "I'm a big girl now, big enough to play mommy in our game, and mommies don't need blankets, so you can throw it away." And Mandy never used her blanket again.

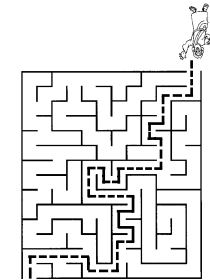
Questions

Did you ever have a blanket or toy that gave you comfort when you were younger?

Jesus tells us that he is with us always; how is that like a "blanket"?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
John 14:1-14



Maze

Letter Changing Steps
Son Gets
Soy Lets
Say Lots
Way Loss
Lost

ANSWERS

Cryptogram
Where I am, there you
may be also.

Cryptogram

Solve the puzzle (a verse from today's Gospel story) by figuring out the code and placing the corresponding letter in the space above that number. Five letters have been done for you.

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	
1							8	5				25	7													

 H I A M , H O M A
 10 8 18 17 18 5 1 25 , 2 8 18 17 18 12 7 23 25 1 12

 A O .
 16 18 1 22 6 7

Letter Changing Steps

To complete each step, change one letter of the current word to form a new word until you are able to form the related word on the bottom step.

S o n

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W a y

G e t s

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L o s t

Maze

Today's Gospel story tells about Jesus leaving and going to make a home for each of us in heaven. Help these men find Jesus so they can have a home in heaven, too.

