

Bushman's Pride

Key Word: **Faith**

Key Verse: "But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'" *Matthew 15:25*

Bushman had a bushy, luxuriant tail. His tail was his best feature, and the envy of all the other squirrels, but he wished he was good at something else, too. His friend, Cobbler, was the best collector of nuts the squirrels had ever seen, and his other friend, Tricky, had a brilliant brain and could always work out the best way of reaching those nuts that seemed to remain out of reach. "You two get all the nuts. All I can do is flash my tail around, and that's no use to anyone," moaned Bushman. "I really want to be a good nut finder just like you."

A day later, the three of them were high up a walnut tree. Between them they'd stripped all the lower branches, but there were still some delicious walnuts tucked between higher branches. Tricky was thinking hard, "If you squeeze between that fork in the branches over there," he said to Bushman, "you'll gather a great hoard of nuts."

Bushman could see immediately what his friend meant. He really wanted those nuts, but he could also see that it would be really difficult to squeeze between the fork with a tail as bushy as his. He was afraid. He wanted the nuts, but he didn't want to damage his tail.

"You get them, Cobbler," he said. "You're a much better nut finder than I am." And sadly, he scampered back down the tree. It was always the same. Whenever there was any risk, Bushman left it to the other two. He kept his beautiful tail, but he became more and more unhappy because he just couldn't learn how to be good at nut finding.

Bushman never became good at anything except preening his tail. He would not risk losing even one hair from his tail. He still claimed that he wanted to learn to be an excellent nut finder, but his friends stopped listening to him. As Tricky sighed to Cobbler, "He just doesn't want it enough, so no one can help him."

Because Bushman was no good at collecting nuts, none of the female squirrels wanted to know him. He grew into a sad, old squirrel who did nothing but sit and moan.

Questions

1. Should we worry about how we look at all times?
2. Is it more important to take care of people or of clothes and hair?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 15:21-28



Picture Differences

1. Window
2. Man's shirt is v-necked
3. Bow in woman's hair
4. Colored belt
5. Mouse on floor
6. Missing nose and mouth
7. Missing water puddle
8. Colored bed leg
9. Chipped washbowl

Word Find

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Cryptogram
Woman, great is
your faith.

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. Four 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
							26	5										7	10						

13 17 2 14 9
18 22 11 14 10
5 7
20 17 3 22
25 14 5 10 26

Word Find

Here are thirteen words from the story about the Ark. Some are printed upside down, backward, or at an angle. One is done for you. How many others can you find?

Words to find:

ANSWER
 DAUGHTER
 DOGS
 FAITH
 FOOD
 GREAT
 HEALED
 LORD
 LOST
 SHEEP
 SHOUTING
~~WOMAN~~

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

Picture Differences

Below are two drawings. There are nine differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle the differences in each drawing then check the answers on the back.

