

PETER TELLS THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS

[Near the city of Caesarea Philippi] — Everywhere Jesus went, people talked about him. The more amazing things he did, the more questions people had. Some people wondered how Jesus got all the power he was using to help people. Other people wondered how Jesus got so much wisdom, so that he could teach the way he did.

People started trying to figure out who Jesus really was. Some of them thought he might be a famous prophet from the old days, come back to life again. Other people were not sure. All the Jews knew that some day God was going to send a great hero to rescue the people from their trouble. But that great hero was supposed to look big and powerful. Jesus looked kind and gentle. They didn't think Jesus was the hero they were waiting for.

One day Jesus asked his own disciples who they thought he was. Peter did not wait for a minute before answering. He said, "Jesus you are the Messiah." Peter told the truth. Jesus really was the hero God had promised.

Matthew 16:13-20

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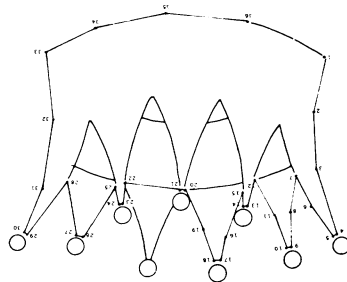
GOSPEL GRAMS



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

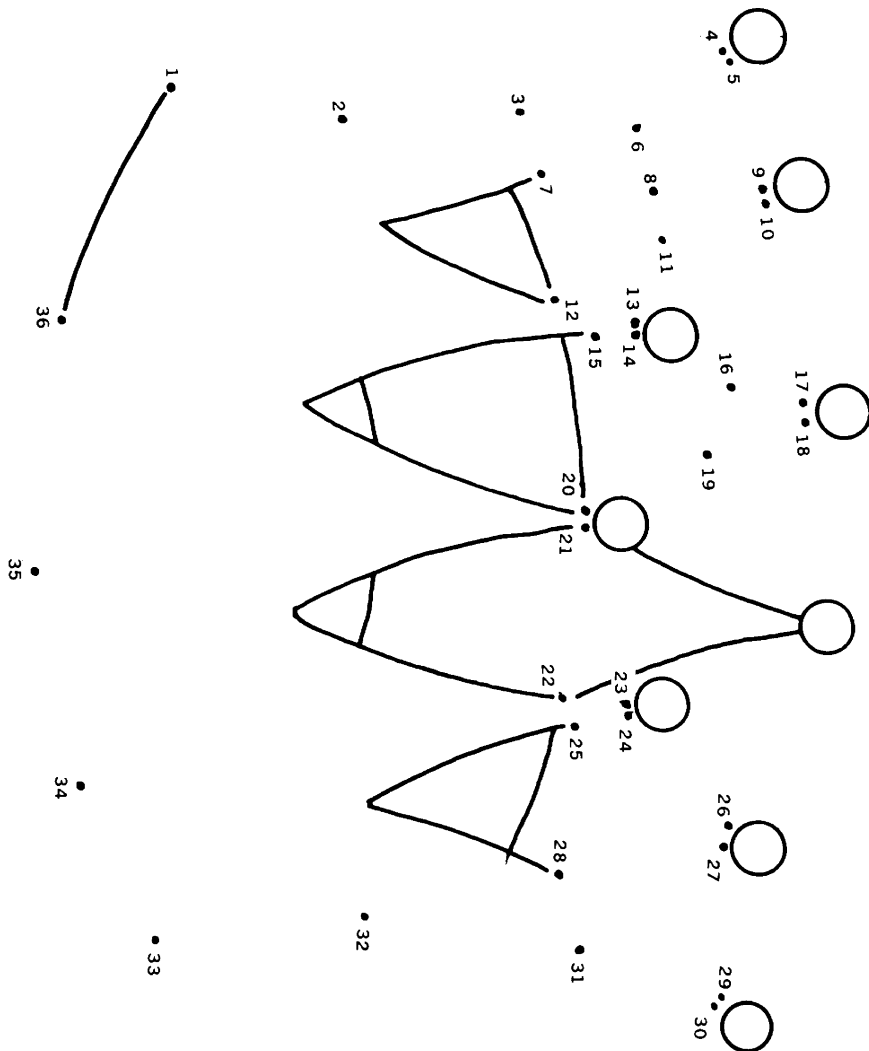


- PICK THE BEST WORD:
- The more Jesus did, the more QUESTIONS people had.
 - Jesus used POWER to help others.
 - Some people thought that Jesus was a PROPHET.
 - All Jews knew God would someday send a great HERO.
 - Jesus didn't seem like a hero because he was GENTLE.
 - Jesus asked his DISCIPLES who they thought he was.
 - Peter said that Jesus was the MESSIAH.
 - Peter told the TRUTH.
 - JESUS was the hero promised by God.
 - The Messiah was here to rescue his PEOPLE.



ANSWERS

Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "In today's Gospel story, something exciting happened. Peter told Jesus he knew Jesus was the Messiah. Jesus told Peter that he was right. But Peter probably thought Jesus would try to make himself into a king. Here is a picture for you to finish. It will show you something Peter might have thought Jesus would wear because he was the Messiah."



Pick The Best Word. Here are some sentences about things mentioned in today's Gospel story. You must choose the best word to complete each sentence. Write the correct word in the blank in the sentence.

1. The more Jesus did, the more _____ people had.
problems questions diseases
2. Jesus used _____ to help others.
deception water power
3. Some people thought that Jesus was a(n) _____.
angel prophet farmer
4. All Jews knew God would someday send a great _____.
storm angel hero
5. Jesus didn't seem like a hero because he was _____.
gentle powerful well-dressed
6. Jesus asked his _____ who they thought he was.
leaders disciples brothers
7. Peter said that Jesus was the _____.
prophet soldier Messiah
8. Peter told the _____.
truth people disciples
9. _____ was the hero promised by God.
Peter Jesus John
10. The Messiah was here to rescue his _____.
son God people