

WHO ARE THE KING'S REAL FRIENDS?

[Jerusalem] — When he taught the people in Jerusalem, Jesus told them to remember to obey the king. The people already had two kings. There was King Herod, who ruled their country. People didn't like Herod because he was so cruel.

There was also the emperor in Rome. But people in Jesus' country didn't like the Romans because they kept the people from being free and made them pay a lot of taxes.

Jesus said there is a king more important than Herod or the emperor. In fact, the real king is more important than any king in the world — or any president or ruler. The real king is God, and his Son, Jesus. Both of them have thrones in heaven. When the world ends we will all stand where the King of heaven can see all of us. He will tell us if we were his friends while we were living day by day. The king's friends help the people whom the king loves. These people are hungry and cold and need our help right now.

Matthew 25:31-46

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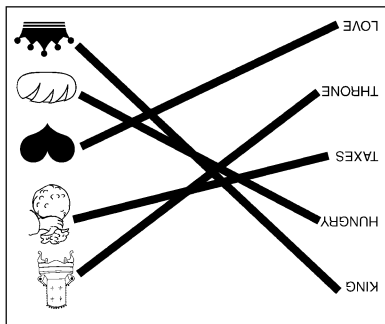
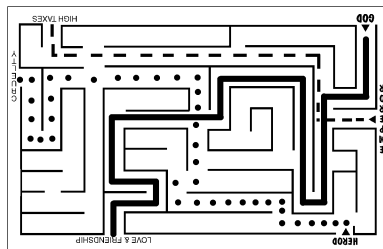
GOSPEL GRAMS



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

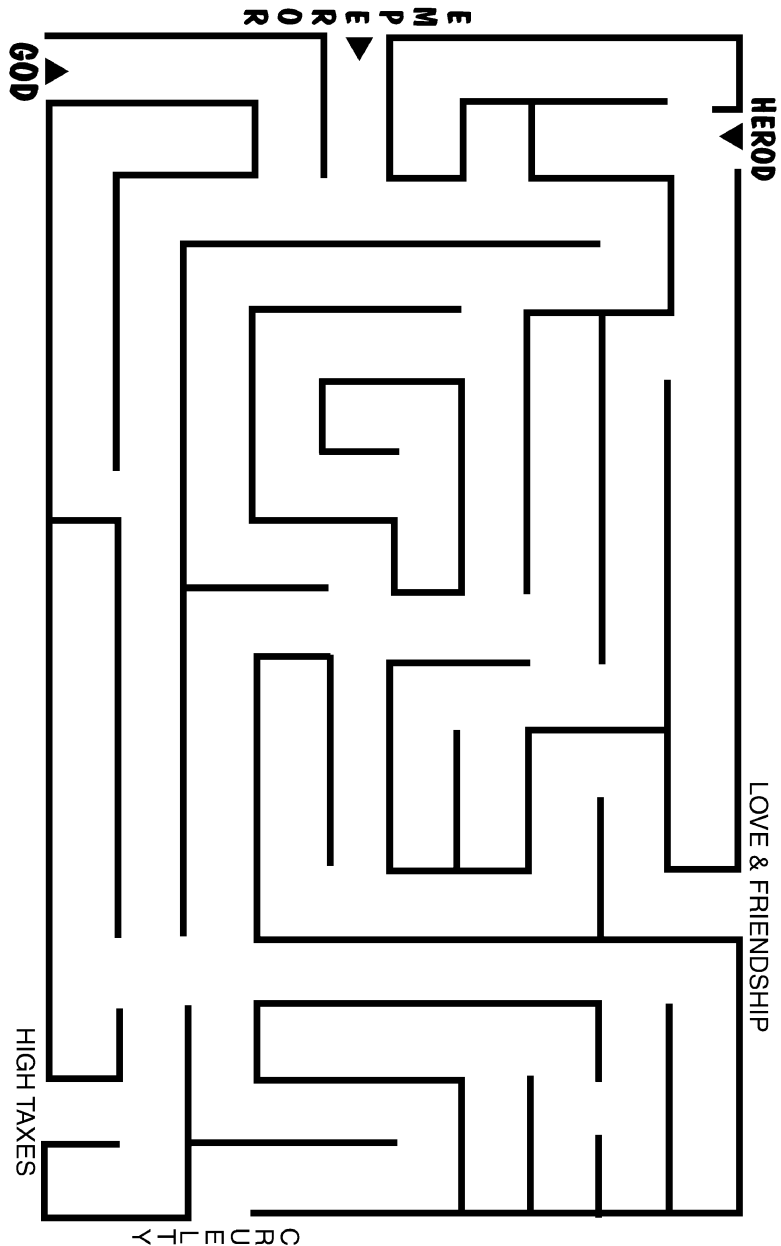


HIDDEN MESSAGE:
"WE OUGHT TO BE THE KING'S FRIENDS."



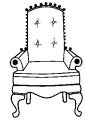
ANSWERS

Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "Do you like following trails? I do. Here are three trails to follow. Before you follow them, guess where each one will end up (the answers are on the back page). Then follow all the trails and see if you were right."



Match Game. Below are some words from today's Gospel story. On the right are objects that match the words. Draw a line from the word to the object that matches it.

KING



HUNGRY



TAXES



THRONE



LOVE



Hidden Message. Use the code below to complete the hidden message. Take the letters that match the numbers under the blanks and fill in the words.

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