

Praxis' Special Job

Key Word: Task

Key Verse: Here am I, the servant of the Lord ... *Luke 1:38a*

Praxis, the pixie who changed color according to his moods, was a beautiful, bright orange. He was very excited. He had been chosen for a very special task. The pixie king told him, "I want you to clean out the visitors' toadstool, just so that it's ready if anyone should come to see us."

Praxis' face dropped. His bright, orange color faded very quickly and was replaced by a pale blue, and his shoulders drooped. "Do I have to?" he asked. The pixie king noticed the color change in Praxis and his eyes twinkled, but he simply nodded seriously, handing Praxis a bucket and a mop. Praxis stuck out his lower lip, and his blue color changed into a dull red. He started to argue, but changed his mind and skipped off toward the toadstool. It hadn't been cleaned for ages, and it took Praxis a long time. At first, Praxis was angry and bright red. This job felt like a punishment; not a special task. Praxis didn't think it was fair. He worked off his anger by scrubbing, mopping, washing, cleaning, dusting, and polishing. Gradually his scarlet skin changed to pink.

When Praxis reached the end of his job, the door opened. Praxis looked up. To his amazement, there stood an elderly pixie who was radiant and glistening white from head to toe. It was the wise, old pixie! Praxis loved him, for he was the only other pixie who had colors. But, because he was wise, his colors were rarely seen. He was so together that his colors had blended into a brilliant white. Praxis felt at peace and deeply loved in the company of the wise, old pixie.

Praxis flung himself into the wise, old pixie's arms. It hadn't been such a bad job after all, and he was very glad that the pixie king had invited him to prepare the toadstool. He was so thankful that he had cleaned it properly. Praxis smiled at the wise, old pixie. His heart was so full of joy and happiness that he turned bright, shocking pink for three whole days!

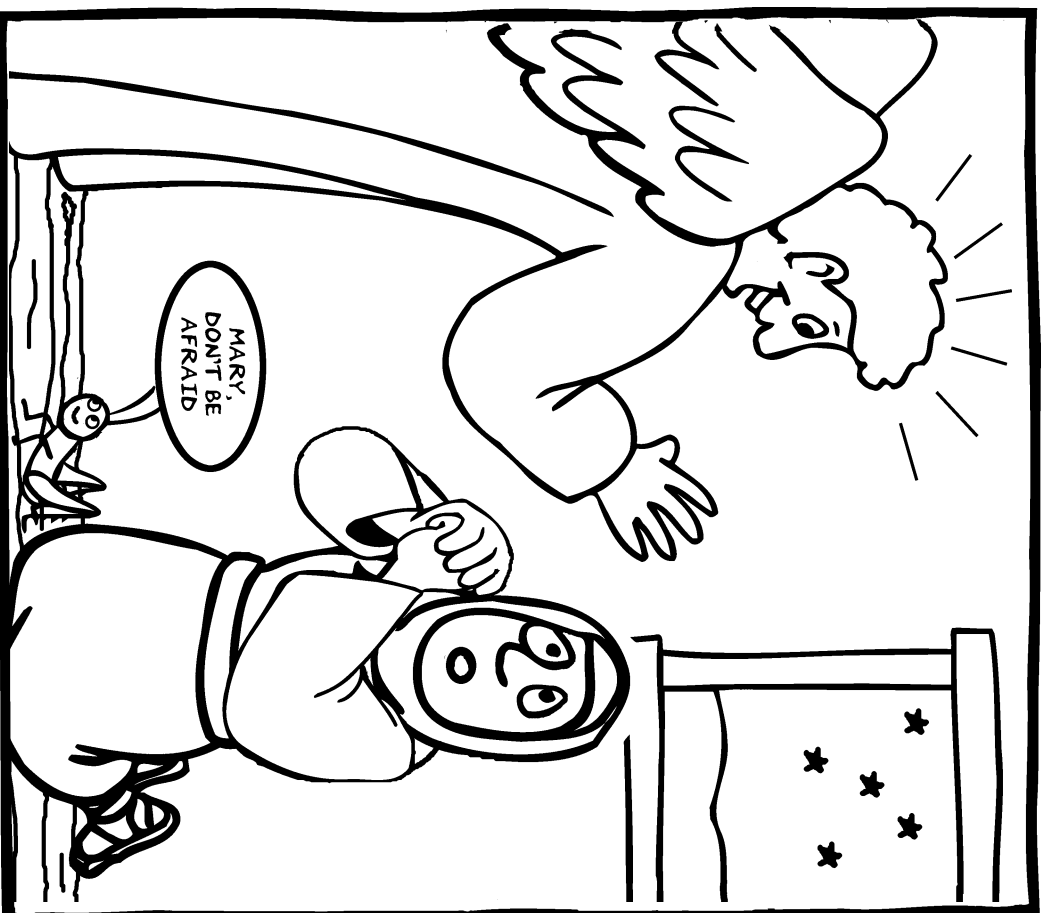
Questions

Why did Praxis think he was being punished?

Why was Mary afraid in the Bible story?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Luke 1:26-38



KING
BORN
RELATIVE
SERVANT
JOSEPH
AFRAID
YOUR
WORD
NOTHING
REQUEST
HOLY
BEAR
WILL

POWER
ANGEL
MONTH
FOREVER
ZEBRA
ANCESTOR
VIRGIN
CHILD
EXAMPLE
NAME
SPIRIT
JACOB
GREAT

HOLY
BORN
FOREVER
ENGAGED
GREETINGS
FAVORED

JOSEPH
MARY
NAZARETH
GALILEE
ANGEL
GABRIEL

1. Mary
2. David
3. Son
4. holy
5. impossible

Choose The Right Word

Choose the correct word from the three given and write it on the blank.

- The angel Gabriel came to visit _____.
JOSEPH MARY ELIZABETH
- Jesus was to inherit a throne of his ancestor _____.
MOSES ABRAHAM DAVID
- Gabriel told Mary that she would have _____.
A DAUGHTER A SON TWINS
- Gabriel told Mary that the child to be born would be _____.
RICH BEAUTIFUL HOLY
- Gabriel said that nothing will be _____ with God. (vs. 1:37)
INCOMPLETE IMPOSSIBLE DIFFICULT

Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words and write the letters in the boxes.

- BAGRLEI [] [] [] [] []
GNLAE [] [] [] [] []
EEGLIAL [] [] [] [] [] []
THZAAREN [] [] [] [] [] [] []
MYRA [] [] [] [] []
PHSIOE [] [] [] [] [] []
DAFORVE [] [] [] [] [] [] []
EGETRGSNI [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
NDGGAAE [] [] [] [] [] [] []
VRFROEE [] [] [] [] [] [] []
NROB [] [] [] [] []
LHOY [] [] [] [] []

Fill In The Space

Place one letter of the alphabet in the blank space to make a word from today's Gospel story. Words are at least 5 letters long. Use each alphabet letter only once. We have included an alphabet chart to mark off the letters as you use them. Two have already been done for you.

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

ABCDEF GHIJKL MNOP QRSTUVWXYZ