

Delivering the Good News

Theme

Telling others about Jesus.

Object

A newspaper

Scripture

As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Matthew 10:7 (NIV)

Children's Sermon: Delivering the Good News (Matthew 10:7)

Do you ever read the newspaper? I read it every day. That's how I keep up with what's happening in the world. Every morning, before I eat breakfast, I walk out my front door and pick up the newspaper which has been delivered to my doorstep by a person whose job it is to deliver the news.

When I open my newspaper, the first thing I look at is the front page. That's where they put the most important stuff. Next, I look at the sports page. I like sports and like to see if my favorite teams won. Some days they do, and some days they don't. Finally, I turn to my favorite part -- the comics! Why do I save the comics for last? Well, sometimes, some of the news might not be good news, so I like to finish reading the newspaper with a smile on my face!

The person who delivers the newspaper to my doorstep each day helps me to get my day started with a smile. You know, I don't even know that person. He, or she, gets up very early in the morning while I am still asleep, rolls the newspapers, and drives all around the town delivering the news.

The Bible tells us that Jesus traveled all around the countryside. He went to many different towns and villages, and everywhere he went he saw crowds of people who were lost and helpless. It broke his heart. One day, he turned to his followers and said to them, "There are so many who need help, but there are not enough who are willing to help them. Get on your knees and pray that the Lord will send workers to help them." Sharing the Good News was so important to Jesus, and he wanted to make sure that everyone had a chance to hear it.

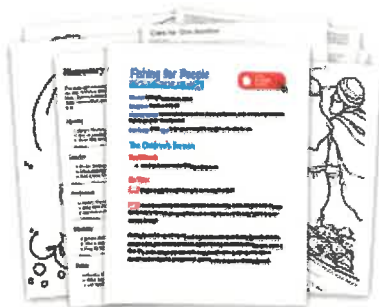
When they had finished praying, Jesus called twelve of his followers to come to him. "Go," he said, "heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons." Do you know what else Jesus told his disciples? He said, "As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'"

Wow! That's good news, isn't it? Think about it. "The kingdom of heaven is near." It isn't some far off place where we will go at some far off time. In fact, you might even say, "It's right here -- right now." Of course, Jesus came to give us eternal life in heaven, but he also came so that we could have life, and have it to the fullest -- right now. (John 10:10) Now, that's good news that everyone should hear!

My newspaper carrier has been given the job of delivering the news. When I go out to get my newspaper, I expect it to be there. If the carrier doesn't do his job, I don't get the news. Just as Jesus called the twelve to deliver the good news, he has also called you and me to deliver the good news. If we don't do our job, someone won't get the good news today.

Jesus sent out the twelve, and they went out to do what Jesus asked them to do. They went from town to town, healing people and sharing the Good News. They didn't have newspapers or the internet to help them spread the word, but they had something even better - the power of God working through them. They were able to do amazing things because they believed in Jesus and trusted him to guide them.

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As they traveled, they met many people who were curious about Jesus and his message. They told stories of how Jesus had changed their lives and how he could change the lives of others too. They talked about how Jesus was a friend to everyone, no matter who they were or where they came from. They shared the Good News that God loved them and wanted them to be part of his family.

But not everyone was happy to hear the Good News. Some people didn't want to believe in Jesus or change their ways. They were afraid of what it might mean for them if they followed Jesus. But the twelve disciples didn't let that stop them. They knew that Sharing the Good News was too important to give up on, even when it was hard.

As the disciples continued their journey, they saw more and more people come to believe in Jesus. They saw lives changed and hearts filled with love. They knew that they were making a difference in the world by Sharing the Good News, and it filled them with joy.

Now, you might be thinking, "That's a great story, but what does it have to do with me?" Well, just like the twelve disciples, Jesus has called each of us to share the Good News with others. We might not be able to heal the sick or raise the dead, but we can still share the love of Jesus with everyone we meet.

We can start by being kind and caring to the people around us. We can help those who are hurting and be a friend to those who are lonely. We can share our own stories of how Jesus has changed our lives and how he can change the lives of others too. And most importantly, we can pray for those who don't know Jesus yet, asking God to open their hearts to his love.

Jesus sends out the twelve, and he sends out each of us too. We have a special job to do, and it's up to us to make sure that everyone has a chance to hear the Good News. It might not always be easy, but with Jesus by our side, we can make a difference in the world.

So, the next time you pick up a newspaper or read a story online, remember that you have your own news to share - the Good News of Jesus. Don't keep it to yourself; share it with everyone you meet. And as you do, you'll be following in the footsteps of the twelve disciples, spreading the love of Jesus and changing the world, one heart at a time.

Father, there is no better news than the good news that you love us and sent your Son so that we might have life and that we might have it abundantly. Help us to faithfully share that good news with others. Amen.

Delivering The Good News Group Group Activities

Interactive Group Activities

by Carol Williams & Charles Kirkpatrick

Sermon Title: ["Delivering the Good News"](#)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8

GOOD NEWS FLOWER POTS: Let children plant a small flower in a mini pot and glue a small piece of paper on the pot or attach it with a pipe cleaner and stick the note in the dirt. The note will say - THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR.... SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS, etc. Encourage children to share their potted plant with someone.

DELIVER THE GOOD NEWS: Let children make scrolls or banners rolled up that will say THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR, or SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE, etc. Let children deliver a banner to each Sunday School classroom during their S.S. hour. The other classes (all ages) will enjoy receiving their banner/scroll and reading it during their class!! For extra fun, children could pass out candy

GOOD NEWS CANDY: Let children write a small note about today's lesson (with Bible verse, or the prayer, etc) and attach with a string or yarn to a piece of candy. Encourage children to share that candy GOOD NEWS with someone else. Children can also enjoy a piece of candy for themselves, if desired!!

TRACT ART: Give children supplies to make their own tract to give out to someone else during the day or this week! Encourage children to decorate and put in BOLD PRINT about today's Bible verse or the GOOD NEWS, or the prayer for today, etc. (colored papers, stickers and markers will make the tract more exciting to read).

GOOD NEWS STAND: Let children make some GOOD NEWS tracts and a large sign (this sign can say, "GET YOUR GOOD NEWS HERE"), and set up a small table (stand) to set up at the door of the church or auditorium, for children to stand by as people are entering the worship service. Encourage children to smile and give each person who passes, a tract and a piece of candy, if desired!

TRAVEL "GOOD NEWS" WALK SIGNS: Before class, the teacher can put signs around a designated area and have children take a GOOD NEWS WALK to hunt for the signs. When they return to class with their signs, they can tape them to various places on the classroom wall. (Signs can say, HEAL THE SICK, RAISE THE DEAD, CLEANSE THE LEPERS, CAST OUT DEMONS, PREACH THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR, etc.). Let children tell today's Bible story once again in their own words and using their signs on the wall!

"GOOD NEWS" NEWSPAPER: Allow children to crinkle some white paper and write the GOOD NEWS on the front and on the back they can write some of today's

lesson points and take their GOOD NEWS newspaper home with them to remind them to spread the GOOD NEWS!

"GOOD NEWS" POSTER: Let children decorate and write points about today's lesson on a large poster board. (Ex: The Kingdom of heaven is near, Jesus heals the sick, raises the dead, cleanses the lepers, casts out demons, loves us and sent His Son, gives us life abundantly). If time allows, children could each take a turn at writing GOOD NEWS along the border of the poster - time after time until the border is covered with those words. Each GOOD NEWS could be in a different color to draw attention to the border!!

Song: "Tell What He's Done for You" by Lizzie D. Armond & Andrew L. Byers

[Words and music](#) (pdf)

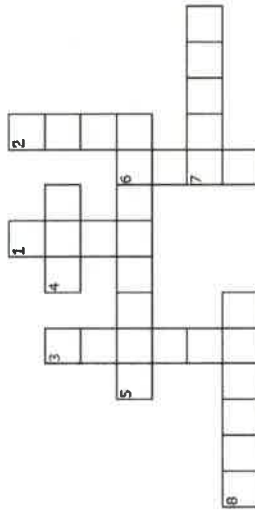
[MP3 piano accompaniment](#) - Two measures introduction and twice through.

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- A small number, not many, or not enough
- Unable to care for yourself
- A large number of people gathered together
- An employee, as opposed to an employer

DOWN

- To restore health to the sick
- Information about recent events or happenings
- The original number of disciples of Jesus
- Suffering from illness or disease

NEWS	FEW	CROWD	HELPLESS
HEAL	SICK	WORKER	TWELVE



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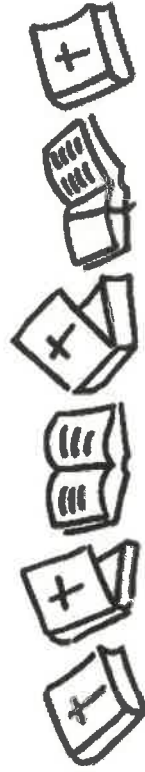
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Matthew 9:35-10:8

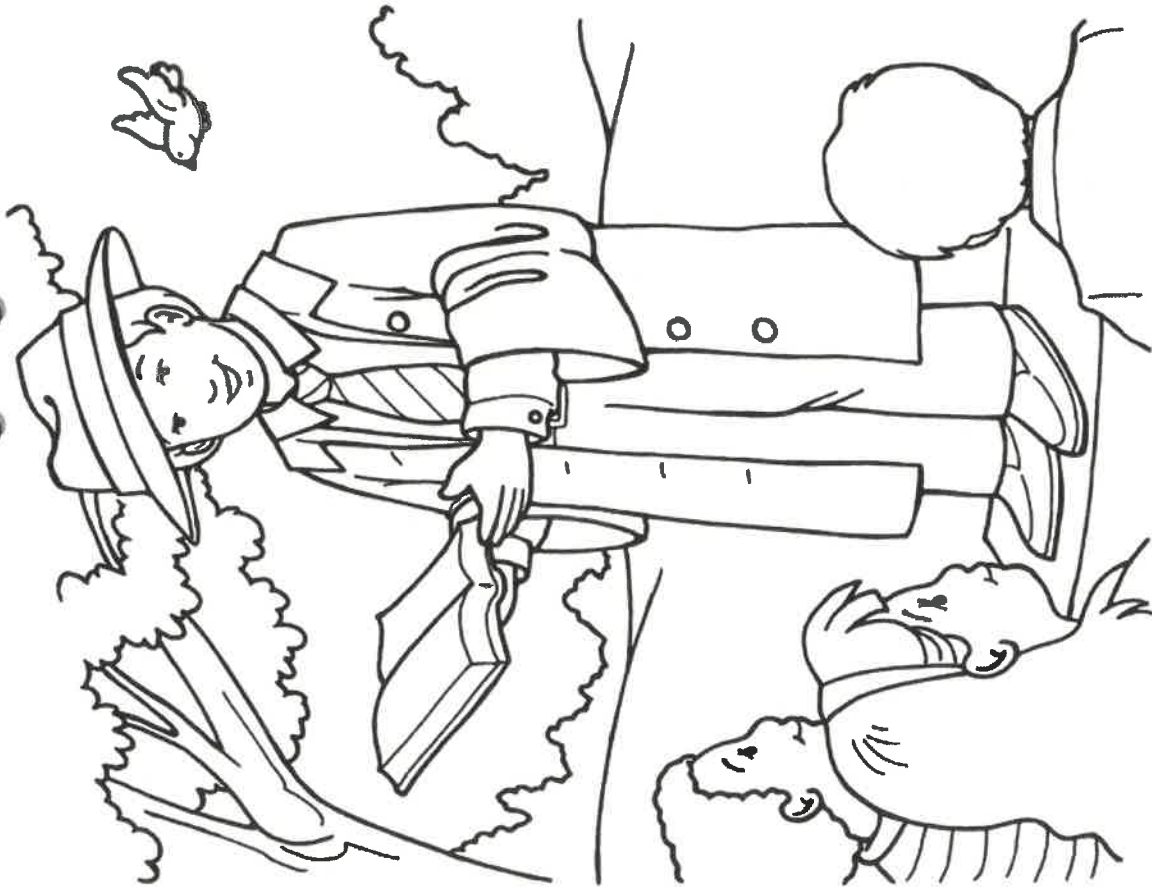
Word Search Puzzle

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CROWDS	KINGDOM	DISEASE	TEACHING	SYNAGOGUES
HEALING	TOWNS	GOOD	NEWS	HELPLESS
VILLAGES	HEAVEN	SICKNESS	NEAR	SHEEP
WORKERS	JESUS	COMPASSION	SHEPHERD	PREACHING



Coloring Page



Multiple Choice Quiz

Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Put the letter in the blank beside the number.

1. To restore health to the sick
A. heal B. feed C. hurt D. preach
2. Suffering from illness or disease
A. sick B. tired C. hungry D. happy
3. A large number of people gathered together
A. game B. few C. crowd D. news
4. Unable to care for yourself
A. helpless B. sick C. tired D. worried
5. An employee, as opposed to an employer
A. boss B. sick C. twelve D. worker
6. A small number, not many, or not enough
A. crowd B. few C. workers D. helpless
7. The original number of disciples of Jesus
A. ten B. eleven C. twelve D. thirteen
8. Information about recent events or happenings
A. news B. harvest C. workers D. sick



Harvest

Christ gave me the work of preaching the Good News.

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I Can Tell My Friends About Jesus Bible Coloring Page for Kids



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JESUS PREPARES HIS DISCIPLES FOR AN ASSIGNMENT

(*Capernaum, Galilee*) — After he had asked twelve men to be his special followers, Jesus told them it was time for them to go out on an assignment. He wanted to send them out to all the towns around Capernaum to tell the people about God and Jesus, and how much God loves them.

The twelve men that Jesus sent were named Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (there were two named James), Thaddaeus, Simon the Patriot, and Judas Iscariot.

Jesus sent the twelve disciples out because there were too many people to reach and he could not reach all of them. He knew many people wanted to learn everything they could about God's kingdom. Everywhere he went the crowds were big and people asked good questions. So he sent the twelve out. He told them to teach the same things he was teaching. And he gave them power to heal people's diseases.

Jesus told the twelve to say, "God's kingdom is near! Good news!"

Matthew 9:35—10:8

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MISSING WORDS:

1. Jesus had **TWELVE** disciples.
2. Jesus sent his twelve **DISCIPLES** to preach the good news.
3. The disciples preached in the towns around **CAPERNAUM**.
4. One of Jesus' disciples was named **MATTHEW**.
5. Jesus gave his followers **POWER** to heal diseases.
6. The disciples told people all about God's **LOVE**.
7. Many people wanted to **LEARN** everything they could about God.
8. The people asked good **QUESTIONS**.
9. **YOU** can tell the good news also.
10. The good news is "God's kingdom is **NEAR**!"

ANSWERS

HIDDEN MESSAGE:
GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR!

Gospel Grams

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Finish The Picture. Today's Gospel story tells how Jesus sent out the twelve disciples to tell the good news about God's kingdom. What do you think it would have been like if you had been there listening? Here is a picture of two of the disciples telling the good news. Draw yourself into the picture, listening to them.



Hidden Message: Jesus told his disciples to tell some wonderful good news. To discover what they said, use the code below to find the message. Take all the letters numbered "1" to spell the first word. Do the same with numbers 2, 3, and 4.

1	4	2	3	2	4	1	2	2	1	4	2	2	4	2	3	1
G	N	K	I	E	O	N	G	D	A	D	O	R	M	S	S	

Message:

1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 3

4 4 4 4 !

Missing Words. Jesus told his followers to tell the good news. The sentences below are from today's Gospel story. Use the words from the word list to fill in the blanks.

WORD LIST: QUESTIONS YOU DISCIPLES
 POWER CAPERNAUM LEARN
 LOVE NEAR TWELVE
 MATTHEW

1. Jesus had _____ disciples.
2. Jesus sent his twelve _____ to preach the good news.
3. The disciples preached in the towns around _____.
4. One of Jesus' disciples was named _____.
5. Jesus gave his followers _____ to heal diseases.
6. The disciples told people all about God's _____.
7. Many people wanted to _____ everything they could about God.
8. The people asked good _____.
9. _____ can tell the good news also.
10. The good news is "God's kingdom is _____."

Molly The Milk Molecule

Key Words: Harvest

Key Verse: "As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'"
Matthew 10:7

Molly The Milk Molecule remembered being all warm and cozy inside a cow, then something was attached to the cow and Molly was whirled quickly until she came to rest in a huge metal container.

Just when Molly was settling down to enjoy herself, things changed again. Molly was poured into a large vat and she noticed some different molecules were entering the vat with her. Molly was horrified. These molecules weren't like Molly, and they weren't warm and cozy either.

Molly was disgusted. One of the new molecules told her his name was Wally the water molecule. Molly didn't like foreigners, but she found herself thrown against Wally as the temperature inside the vat began to rise. The hotter it became, the more they found themselves dancing. In the end, she was glad of Wally's company. Molly found it all uncomfortable, and might have given up had it not been for Wally's support. She and Wally were both poured into a jug and taken to a supermarket. They were bought and taken to a refrigerator. When someone would pour out a little milk. Molly and Wally would stay at the bottom, but the container was almost empty. There was just a tiny puddle left. Molly clung to Wally forgetting

how she had felt when they first met. "I'm so frightened," she whimpered. "Do you think this is the end?" Wally squeezed her. "This is our mission, to go from here to feed the people." Molly was shocked.

"What if they don't like us or spit us out?" "We must be prepared to nourish others," said Wally. "It is scary, but it's the right thing to do. We just have to take courage and go for it." Molly knew he was right. She hugged him, then they were gone, poured into a glass and swallowed.

Molly found herself within a body until she came to rest in a muscle, and she found she had changed. She was no longer a milk molecule, but had actually become part of the muscle. Molly discovered it was a wonderful life, for as part of a muscle she could run, jump, twist, turn, and do all kinds of things, which would not have been possible if she had stayed a milk molecule.

Molly was truly happy, for she realized she had reached a milk molecule's heaven.

Questions

How did Molly help someone?

What did Jesus tell his disciples they should do?

- JUDAS
- PETER
- SIMON
- ANDREW
- MATTHEW
- JAMES
- PHILIP
- THOMAS
- THADDEUS
- JAMES
- BARTHOLOMEW
- JOHN

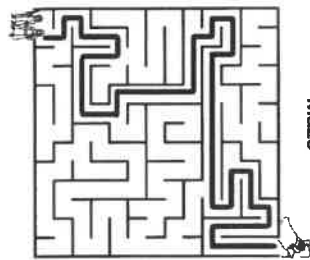
Unscrambler

Word Find

M	K	T	O	D	S	V	Z	C	D
X	A	A	Y	A	E	I	X	H	I
D	M	T	T	M	R	E	L	E	W
H	O	L	E	S	I	R	O	N	H
J	P	H	O	L	E	S	I	R	O
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Answers

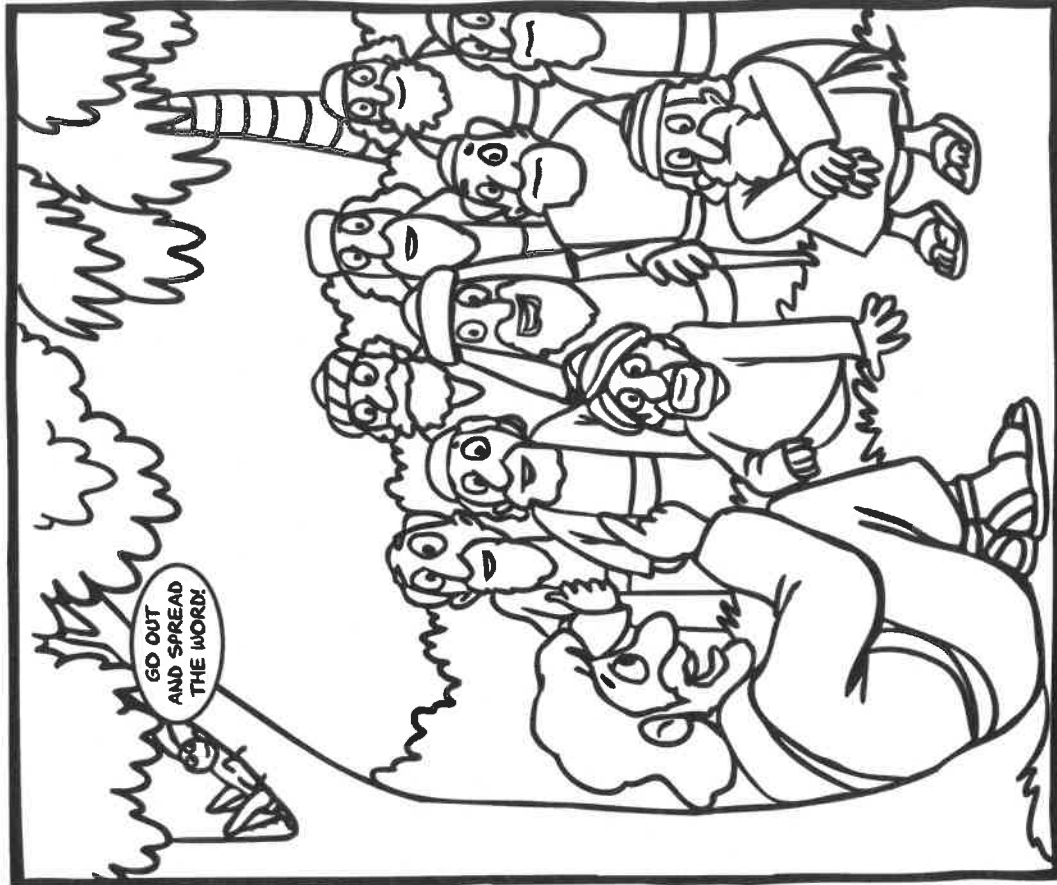
Word Find



Maze

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 9:35-10:8



Unscrambler

Unscramble the names of the twelve disciples.

1. dujas _____
2. eetrp _____
3. nosim _____
4. weadnr _____
5. htm twea _____
6. ajesm _____
7. lipphi _____
8. tsamho _____
9. udadt sea _____
10. semaj _____
11. owmeotbarhl _____
12. ohnj _____

Word Find

Here are fifteen words from today's Gospel story, Matthew 9:35—10:8. Some are printed upside down, backwards, or at an angle. One is done for you. How many others can you find?

Words to find:

- ANDREW
- BARTHOLOMEW
- FOLLOWERS
- HARVEST
- JAMES
- JESUS
- JOHN
- JUDAS
- MATTHEW
- PETER
- PHILIP
- SHEPHERD
- SIMON
- THADDAEUS
- TWELVE

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

Maze

Today's Gospel story tells about Jesus sharing his power with the disciples so that more people could be healed. Guide this man through the maze to find the disciples so he can be healed.

