

Lesson 30



JESUS TEACHES HOW TO PRAY

LUKE 11:1-8

GOAL

- ▶ **To teach children how to pray using the example Jesus gives in Luke 11.** Prayer includes worshiping God because He is holy and there is no one like Him. Prayer is the essential means by which we seek God's will and ask Him to reveal His Kingdom. Through prayer we ask for provision, forgiveness, and protection and deliverance from temptation and evil.

CHARACTERS

- ▶ **Jesus:** Prays to His Father in heaven, a sight not uncommon to His disciples. On this occasion, they ask Jesus about prayer, and He walks them through a model of how to pray to the Father. He also tells them a simple story in order to illustrate the importance of persistent prayer.

Disciples of Jesus: The ones who have witnessed Jesus praying many times since the day they began following Him. After one such day, one of the disciples asks, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." Jesus teaches them how to pray and provides them with illustrations.

MEMORY VERSE

- ▶ **Philippians 4:6-7:** "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

MEMORY VERSE MEANING

- ▶ **Philippians 4:6-7:** When we are worried about anything, we should go to God. We should pray for God to help us through all troubling situations. We can trust God to take care of our problems because He is faithful, He is all-powerful, He loves us, and He wants the best for us.



OVERVIEW

▶ **Read Luke 11:1-8:** This story begins with Jesus praying. The disciples had witnessed Him praying for others and had often seen Him steal away to pray alone. On this particular occasion, one of the disciples approached Jesus and asked Him to teach them how to pray. Jesus provided a pattern to use in prayer, often referred to as The Lord's Prayer. In it, He addressed the types of things to include when communicating to God. He taught His disciples to worship Him as the one true God and as their Father; He also taught them to surrender to His Kingdom and His will, trust Him for daily provision, ask for forgiveness, and to use prayer in battle against temptation.

SUGGESTIONS

▶ **Review the elements of the model prayer given by Jesus:**

- 1. Our Father in heaven:** A broken relationship with God is restored by putting our trust in Jesus as our Savior. A restored relationship means we become God's child and we get to call Him Father.
- 2. Holy is Your name:** He is the one true God and creator of the entire universe, there is no one else like Him. He deserves our adoration.
- 3. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven:** In the Kingdom of Heaven, every creature delights in and follows God's law. We should pray that the same thing happens here on earth: that every man, woman, and child calls God their King, and enjoy the blessings of being called His children.
- 4. Give us this day our daily bread:** We do not worry about what we will eat or drink, your heavenly Father knows what we need before we even ask.
- 5. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us:** If we confess our sins to God, He will forgive. His forgiveness gives us the power to forgive others.
- 6. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:** On our own, we are powerless to fight the temptation to sin or stand strong under trials. We should call on Him because He is our deliverer and strength.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: What did one of Jesus' disciples ask Him to teach them?

A1: He asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.

Q1b: Did anyone teach you any prayers to say before dinner or at bedtime?

TN: This can include children's prayers, such as "Now I lay me down to sleep, ..." "God is good, God is great, thank you for our food, Amen." Have they learned anything else from listening to others pray, such as asking in Jesus' name?

SLIDE 2



Q2a: How did Jesus tell His disciples to start their prayers?

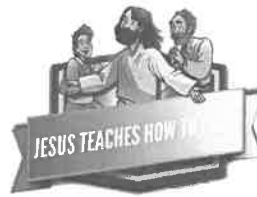
A2: Our Father in heaven

Q2b: How do you usually address God when you start your prayers?

TN: The Lord's Prayer is sort of a template we can use to get our conversations with God started. Jesus tells us to call God our Father to illustrate the close relationship we should have with God. Whether we begin exactly as Jesus suggests, or we simply say, "Hi, Jesus!", the point is that we are conversing with our Creator, the one true God, and we're working toward building that close relationship with Him.



SLIDE 3



QUESTION & ANSWER



Q3a: What kingdom did Jesus tell the disciples to pray to come to Earth?

A3: The Kingdom of Heaven

SLIDE 4

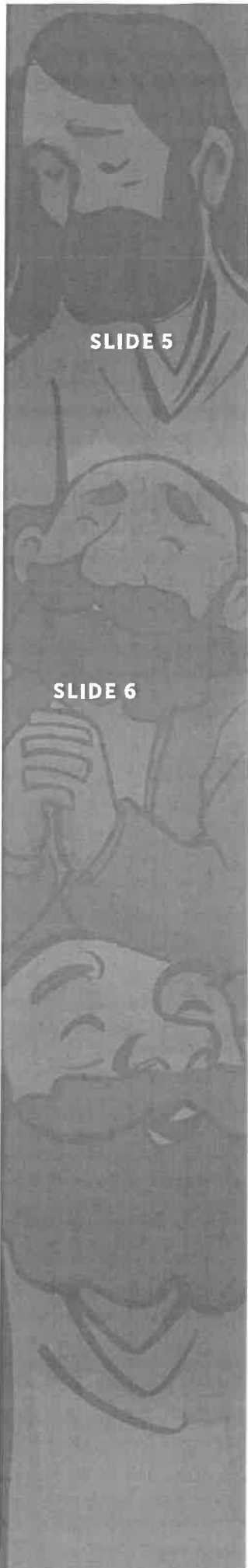


Q4a: What did Jesus tell his disciples to rely on God to provide?

A4: Food, shelter, and clothes

Q4b: Have you ever wondered why people have to work and earn money if God provides everything for us?

TN: God's provision for us may not seem as direct and obvious as it was in some of the Old Testament stories like in the Garden of Eden and when God provided the Israelites with manna while in the wilderness, but He does still provide. Everything we have comes from God. Here's a simplified breakdown of how this works: You have shelter, and food, and clothes. How do you have those things? Because someone has a job that earns money. How do people get their jobs? People get jobs based on their talent and skills. How do people get talents and skills? God gives us talents and skills. Therefore, you have food, shelter, and clothes through God's provision.



SLIDE 5



QUESTION & ANSWER



Q5a: What did Jesus tell the disciples they must do?

A5: He said they must forgive others.

Q5b: Has anyone ever done anything mean to you?

TN: Most students will have an experience to share, but they don't have to discuss them if they don't want; the purpose of this question is to ask them if they have forgiven the person.

SLIDE 6



Q6a: How does prayer damage the work of the enemy?

A6: It provides the disciples strength to resist temptation.

Q6b: Have you ever been tempted to do something that you knew was wrong?

TN: Students don't have to provide specifics; the intent of this question is to get them talking about wanting to do something and wanting to not do it at the same time? That's a strange situation to find yourself in! Did they pray? Did they decide to do the right thing? If not, encourage them to pray next time they find themselves in similar situations.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 7



Q7a: How did Jesus teach the disciples to be persistent in their prayers?

A7: He told them a story.

Q7b: If God hears our prayers right away, why do we need to keep praying?

TN: Prayer is about building a relationship with God. God knows our needs before we do. Praying helps us to build trust in the Lord. Constant prayer reminds us to first think about God before we make decisions.

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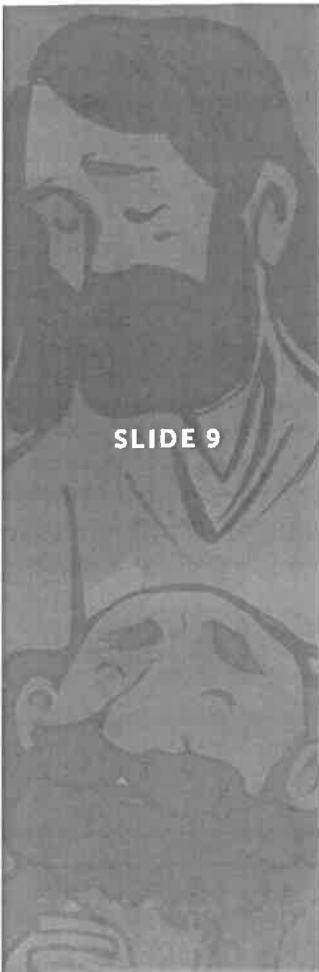


Q8a: In Jesus' story, what was the person asking his neighbor to give him?

A8: Something to feed a guest.

Q8b: Does Jesus' story mean that God answers our prayers so we'll stop bothering Him?

TN: Quite the opposite, actually! God answers our prayers because He loves us and wants us to depend on Him. Jeremiah 29: 11-13 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."



SLIDE 9



QUESTION & ANSWER



Q9a: What encouraged the disciples?

A9: That they could talk to God, and that He would provide for their needs, forgive their sins, and protect them from their enemies.

Q9b: How does prayer make you feel?

TN: This question will get students talking about their feelings about God. The disciples were encouraged. Maybe students gain confidence from prayer, or happiness, or peace. Let them talk about it.

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ANSWER KEY

Across

- 3. Prayer is a powerful **(Weapon)** against the enemy.
- 5. Sometimes Jesus would leave the crowds and his disciples to spend time **(Alone)** with God.
- 6. Jesus taught that you must be **(Persistent)** in prayer and to never give up.
- 8. "Your **(Kingdom)** come. Your will be done, here on earth as it is in Heaven."
- 9. The beginning of the prayer started, "Our **(Father)** in Heaven, holy is your name . . ."

Down

- 1. Through prayer, God will **(Provide)** for your needs, forgive your sins, and protect you from enemies.
- 2. Who else, besides Jesus, had the disciples heard teaching about prayer? **(John The Baptist)**
- 4. There is no sin that God cannot **(Forgive)**.
- 7. "Give us this day our daily **(Bread)**."



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BIG IDEA

- ▶ Our Father in Heaven hears and answers our prayers.
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**CLOSING
PRAYER**

- ▶ Our Father in Heaven, we worship you because you are so powerful and strong and there is no one else like You. We thank You for providing everything we need and we ask that You continue to take care of us and provide for us because we are Your precious children. Please forgive us for our sins and help us to forgive others. We pray this all in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
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Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

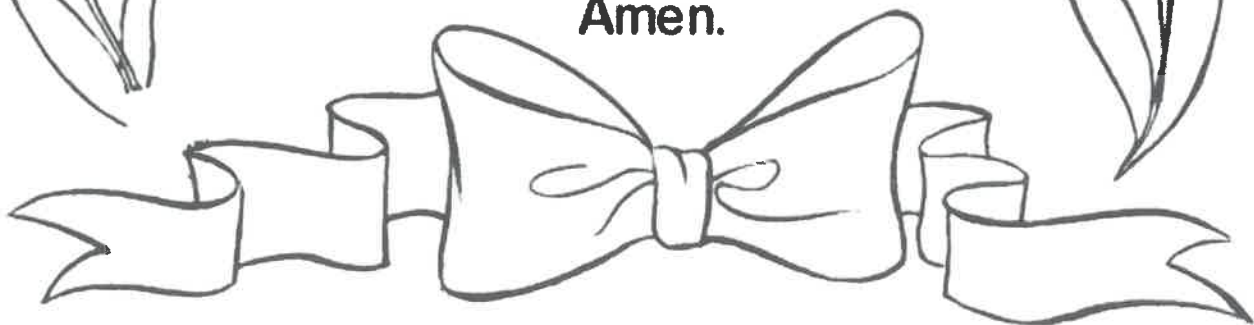
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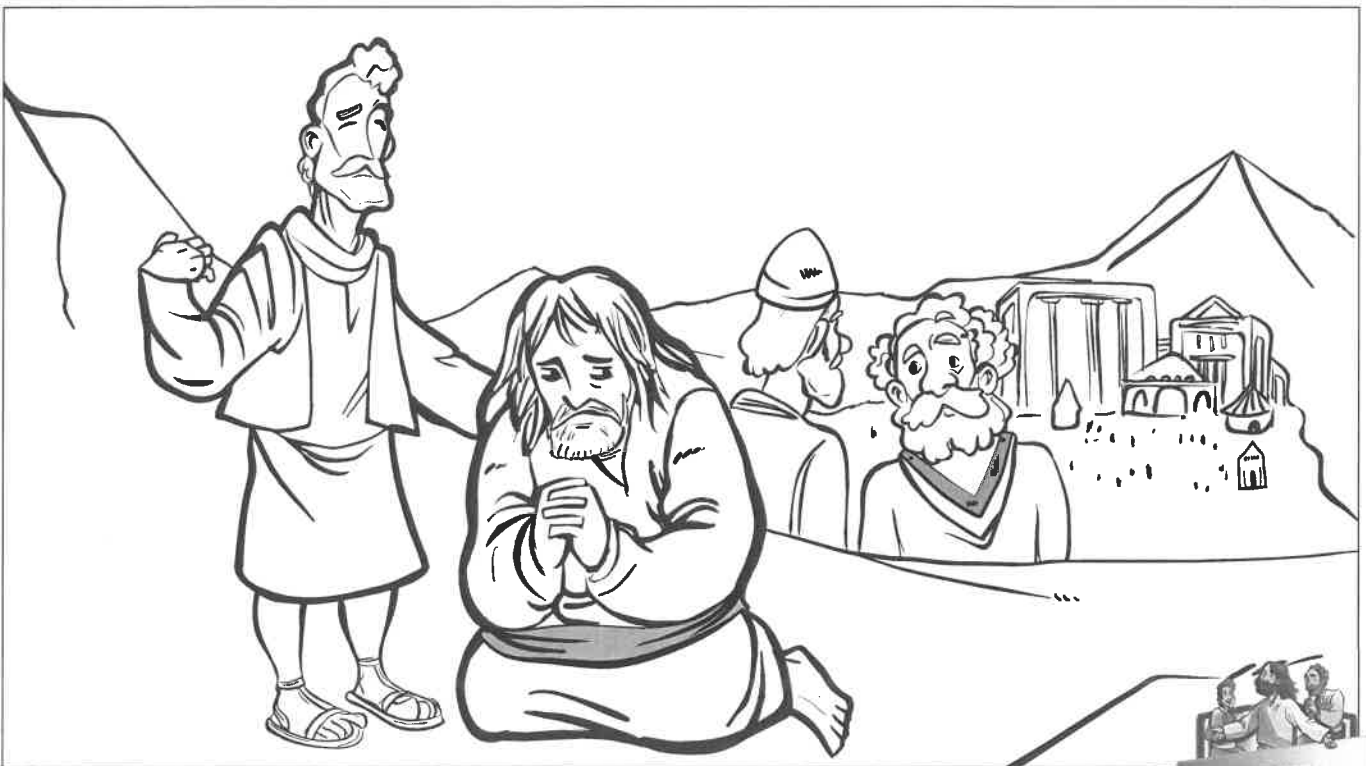
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.



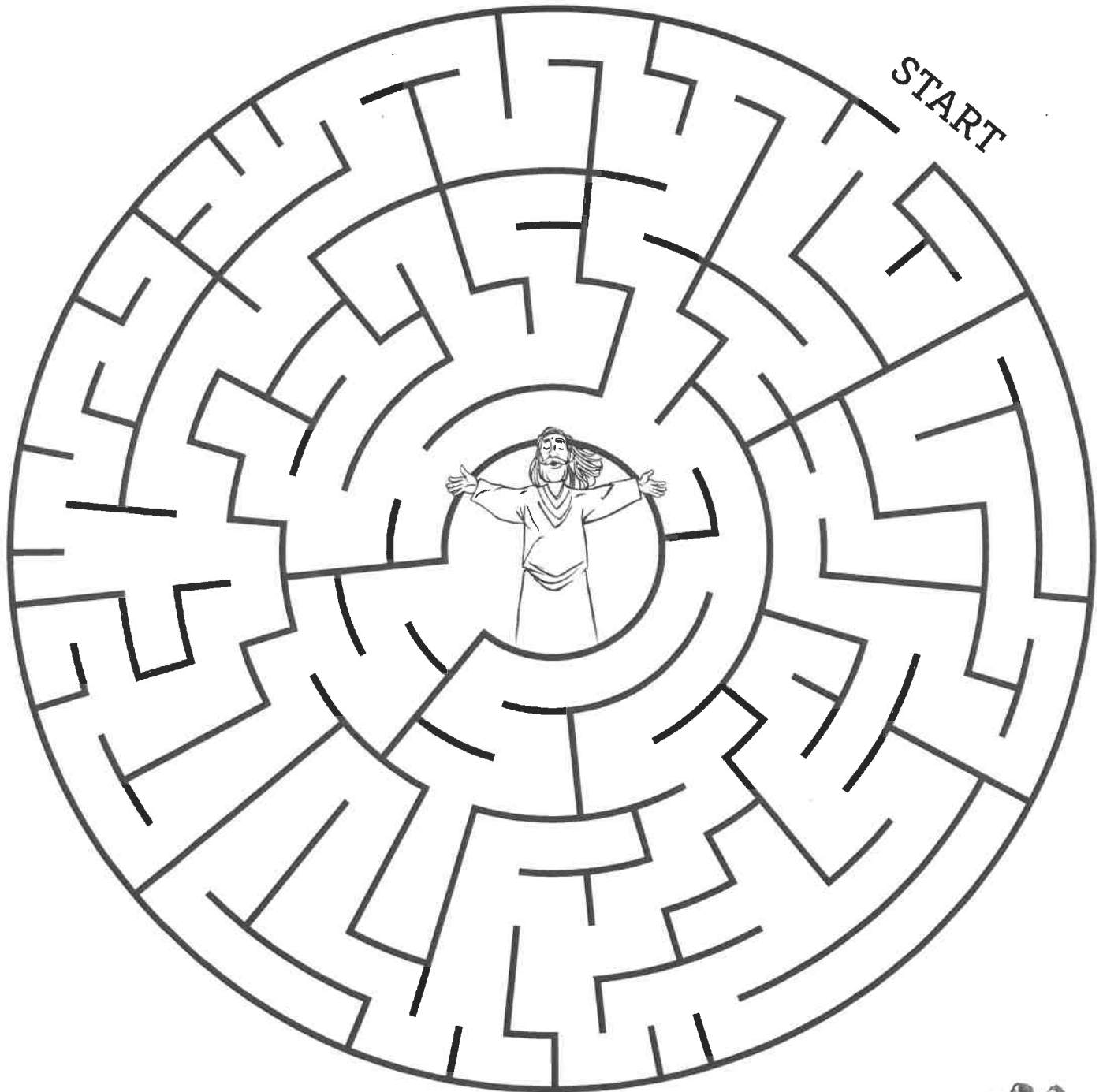
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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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Follow the path to Jesus.



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Discover the hidden words.



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Word Bank

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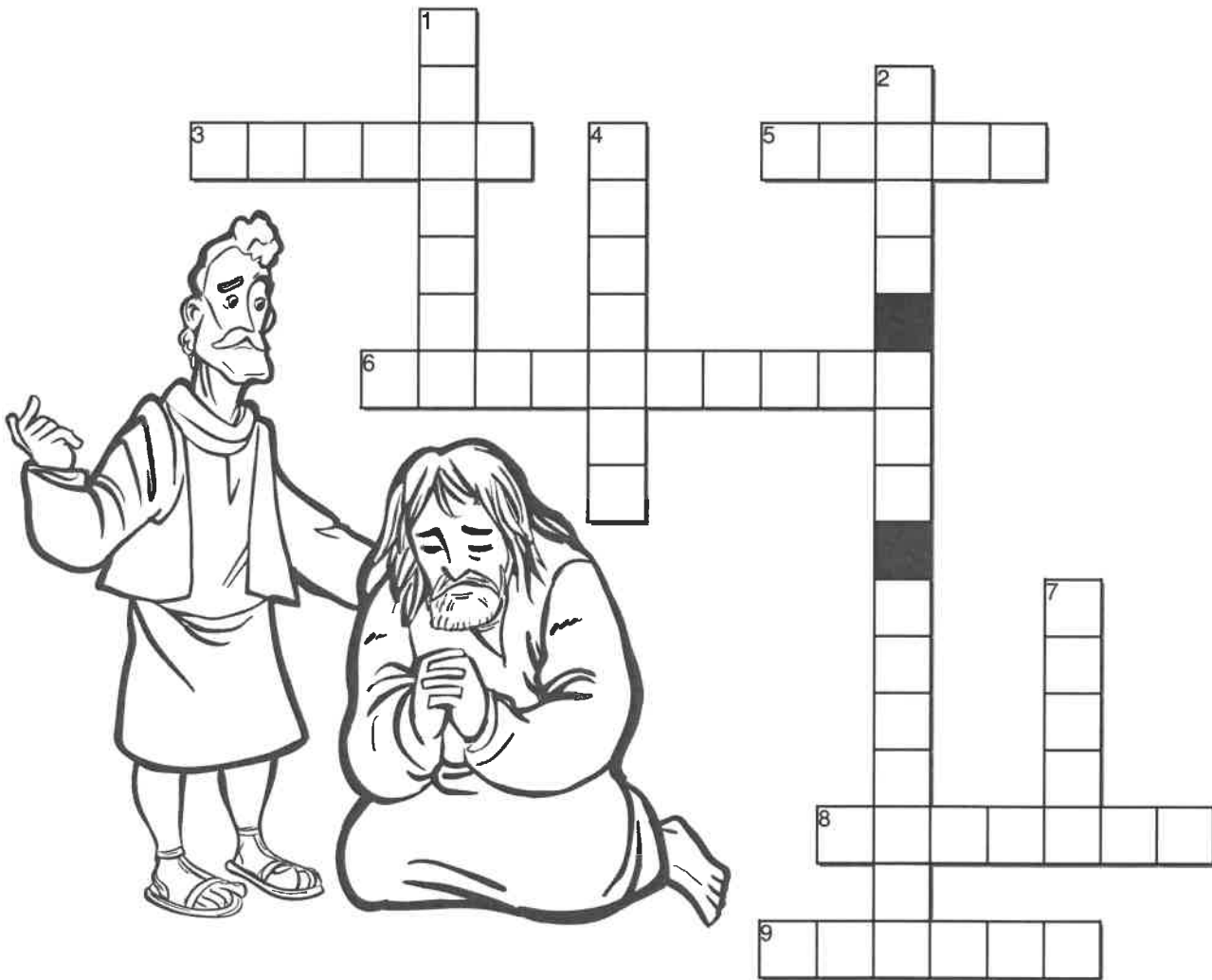
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