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Signs of the Times

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Level One

Parent and Teacher Guide

Studies have proven learning is enhanced through the use of several senses. A recent study shows that we retain 10 percent of what we see, 20 percent of what we hear, and 50 percent of what we see and hear. But when we see, hear and do, we retain 90 percent of the information.

(Lisa Marie Nelson, Ph.D., Author "The Healthy Family Handbook").

The purpose of this Resource & Activity Book is to help children learn and retain the story theme and principles in a fun and educational way. Your children will love coloring pages, solving puzzles, matching games, completing word searches, and much more! Each Resource & Activity Book also features challenging questions and activities for children from preschool through middle school. And in the rare case you don't know an answer, there's an answer key in the back.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

The activities in this book are designed in three levels of difficulty and segregated into two challenging sections. The Level One section of the book contains activities geared towards younger children while the Level Two section contains activities that are more challenging. Each activity also includes a symbol designating the difficulty level of that activity. The activities with one symbol are easy for most children while the two and three symbol activities become increasingly challenging for older children.



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**The disciples marvel at the Messiahship
of Jesus. John 12:16**

Color the Letters

Jesus tells us to watch for His return. Have fun coloring the letters below by using this color key.



Color S blue

Color G purple

Color M blue

Color E red

Color I orange

Color F red

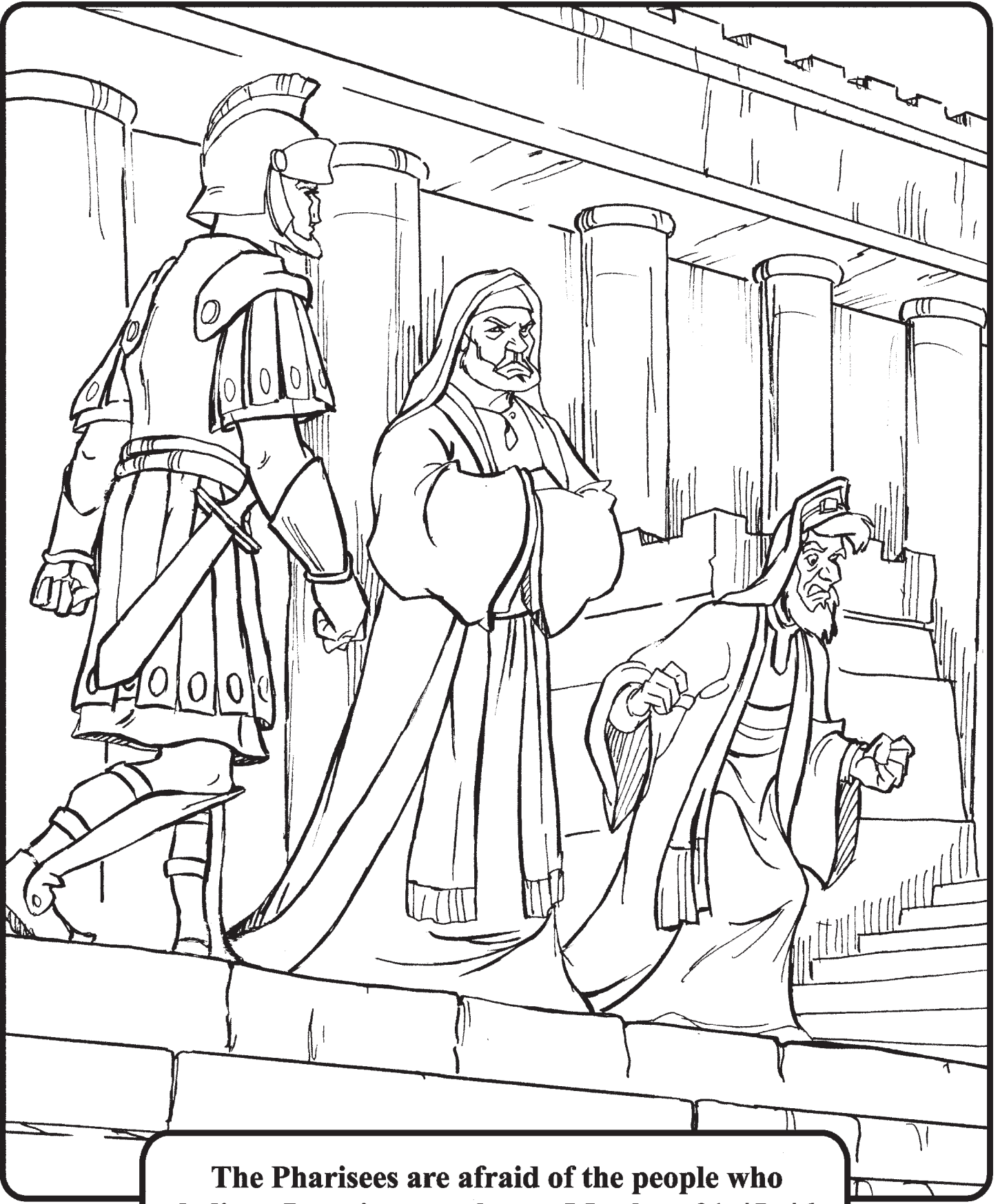
Color N green

Color T brown

Color O green

Color H pink

SIGNS
OF THE
TIMES



The Pharisees are afraid of the people who believe Jesus is a prophet. Matthew 21:45-46

Circle the Face

How did the pharisees feel toward Jesus?



How did the disciples feel toward Jesus?



How did the King feel toward the people who refused to come to his party?



How did the King feel toward the people who did come to his party?





The Pharisees seek Jesus' arrest because He predicts their downfall. Matthew 21:43-46

← THE BACKWARDS →

A L P H A B E T

In Mark 10:32, Jesus spoke to His twelve disciples.

To decode the secret, match the code letter below each blank with the letter in the top row of the code box. Write the letter below it on the blank above the code letter.

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

And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And He took again the twelve, and began to tell them

“

 D S Z G G S R M T H

 H S L F O W S Z K K V M

_____ ,” Mark 10:32
 F M G L S R N



**There was a king, saddened because his son's
wedding feast would not be attended by his subjects.**

Matthew 22:1-3

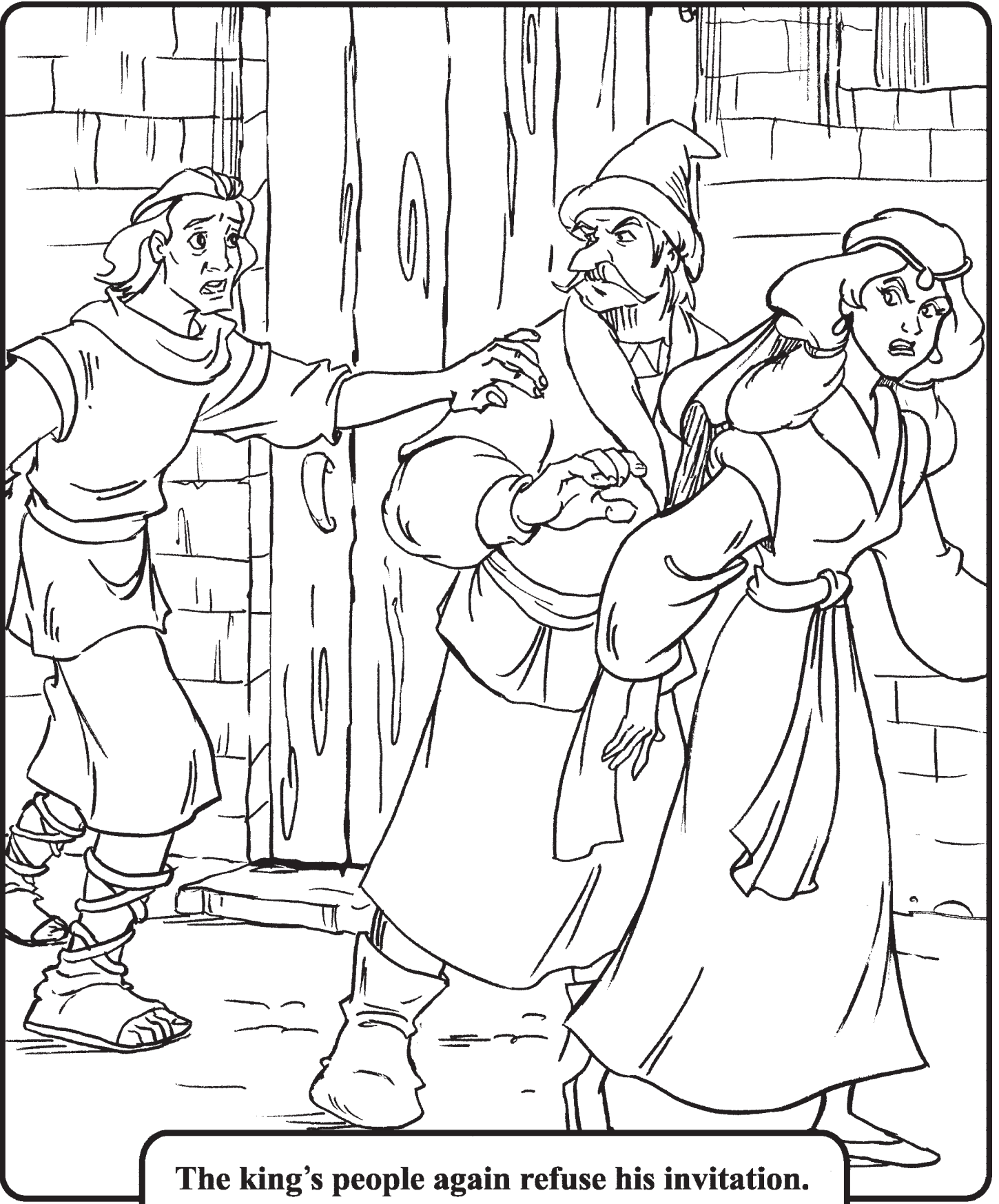
Find the Word

Jesus said the kingdom of heaven was like whom? To find out, color all the Xs red, and Ys blue, and all the Zs green.

Z	Y	X	Z	Y
Y	X	Z	K	Z
Z	Y	I	X	Z
X	X	N	Y	Z
Z	G	Z	X	Y

Copy all the letters that are not colored on the blanks below. Copy them in order from the top row of squares to the bottom.

“The kingdom of heaven is like unto
a certain _____...” Matthew 22:2



**The king's people again refuse his invitation.
Matthew 22:4-5**



The king sent his soldiers to find the guilty people. Matthew 22:7

Hidden Word

There is a word hidden in the alphabet below. Say your ABC's and find the word. Circle the letters that are out of order.

a b c s d e
f g i h i j
k g l m n n
o p q r s t
u v w s x y
z

Write the letters in the order you circled them.



The king sends a new invitation to the poor people of his kingdom. Matthew 22:8-9

FI ND THE WORDS

The chief priests and Pharisees wanted to arrest Jesus immediately. Solve the puzzle below to find out why they couldn't.

Step One: Cross off every letter that rhymes with "see."

B	Z	Z	C	T	E	E	G
V	C	O	D	G	Z	B	V
E	T	Z	C	O	K	G	B
G	H	E	Z	E	I	C	E
V	V	T	T	C	T	Z	G
V	B	G	M	E	V	B	Z

Step Two: Now fill in the blanks in the verse below using the letters that are not crossed off. Start at the top and move from left to right.

**“But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they
feared the multitude, because they t _____
_____ for a prophet.” Matthew 21:46**



The king receives the poor at his great feast. Matthew 22:10

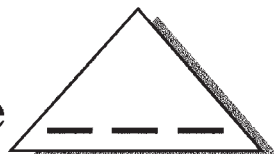
Shape Match-Up

Read the sentences below. Each sentence has a missing word inside a shape. Find the matching shape in the word box below and you will find the missing word. Write the word in the blanks to complete the sentence.

1. The  had a party for his son.

2. Jesus taught in .

3. Peter was a  of Jesus.

4. No one knows the  when Jesus will return.

5. Alpheus loved .

WORD BOX

KING

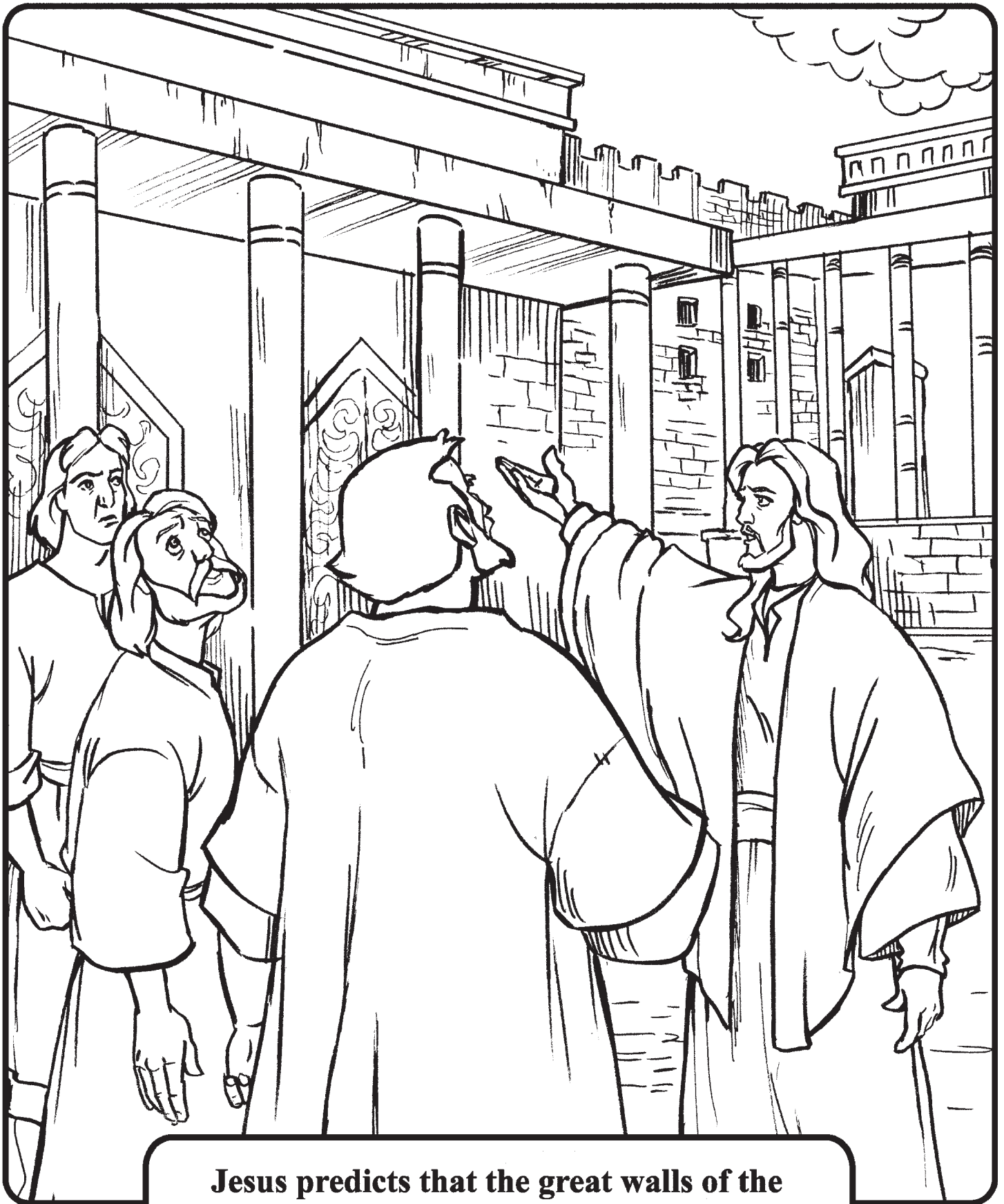
DAY

MONEY

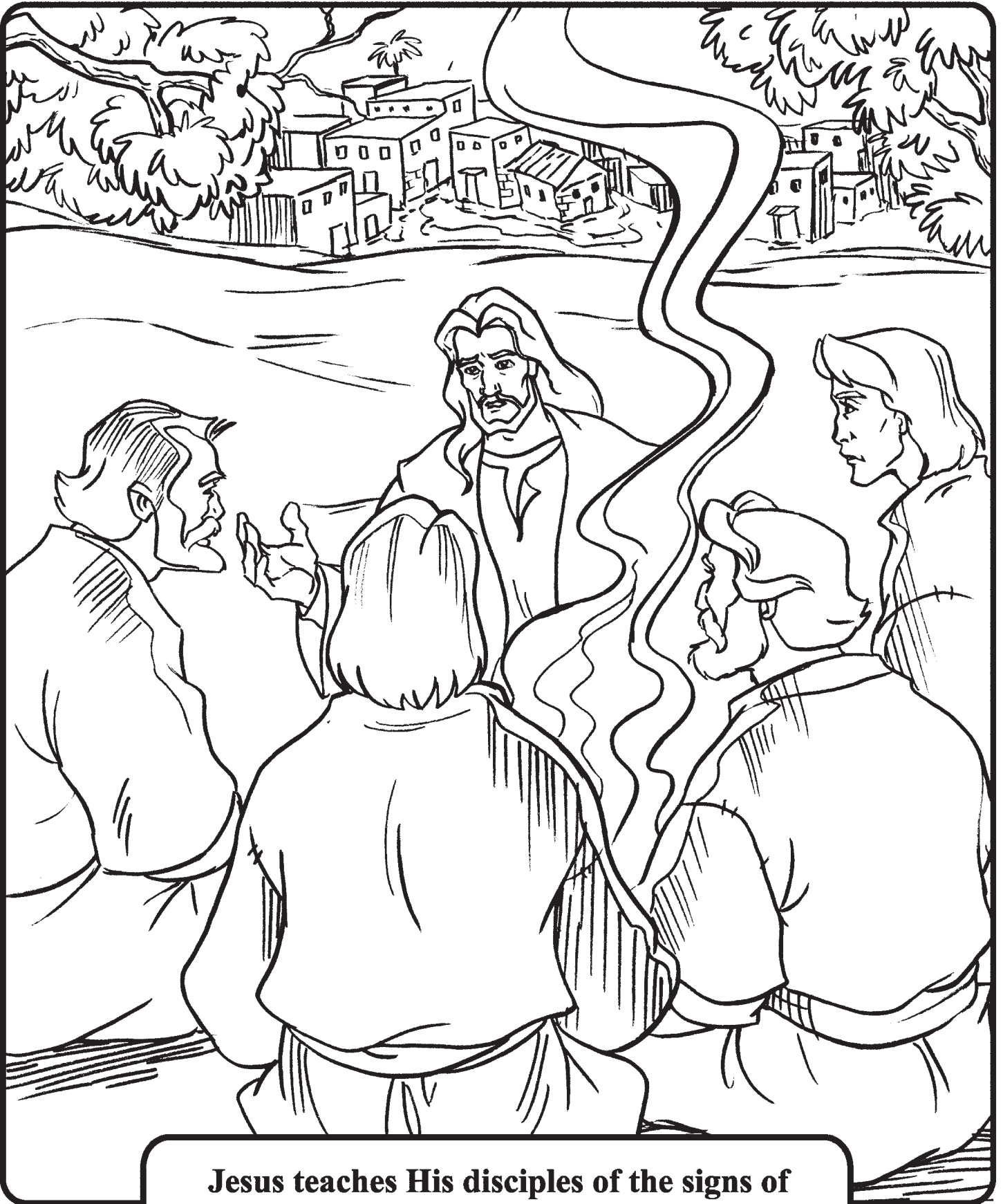
PARABLES

DISCIPLE





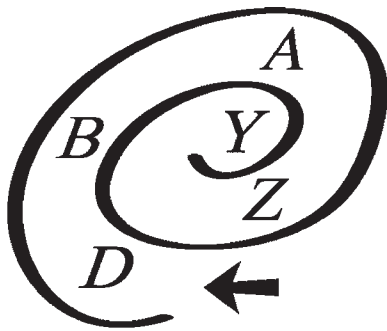
Jesus predicts that the great walls of the temple will fall. Luke 21:5-6



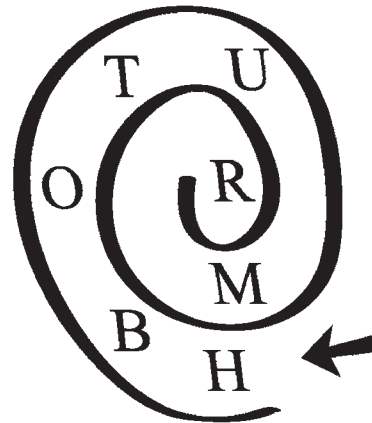
**Jesus teaches His disciples of the signs of
His second coming. Luke 21:7-26**

Word Whirls

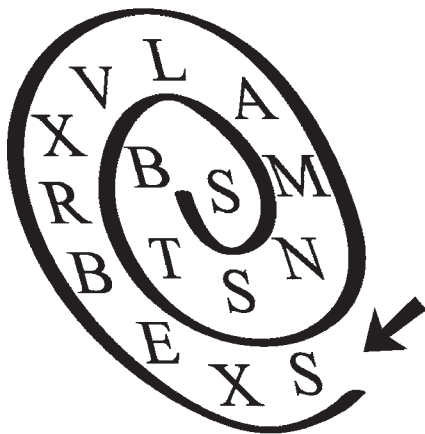
Begin at the arrow and circle the first letter. Then circle every other letter. The circled letters will make a word that will answer the question below the puzzle. Write your answer in the blank.



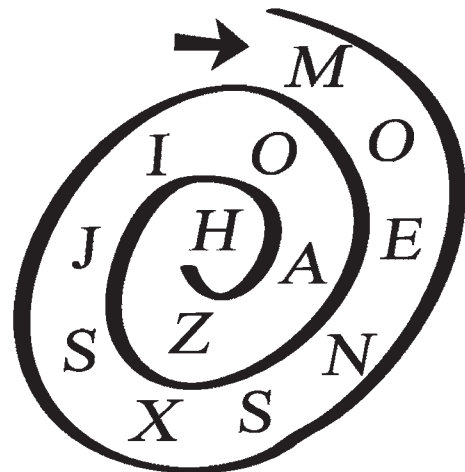
1. No man knows the



2. No one knows the



3. The King sent his



4. Jesus is the



Like a thief, “the Son of man cometh” at an hour when ye think not. Matthew 24:42–44

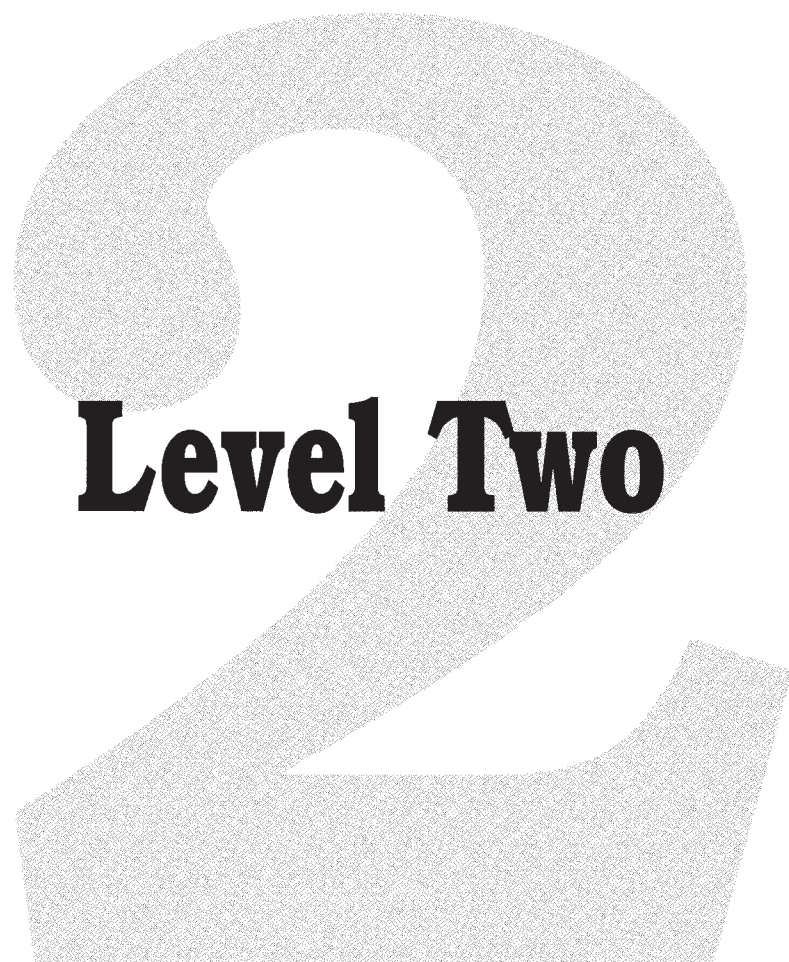


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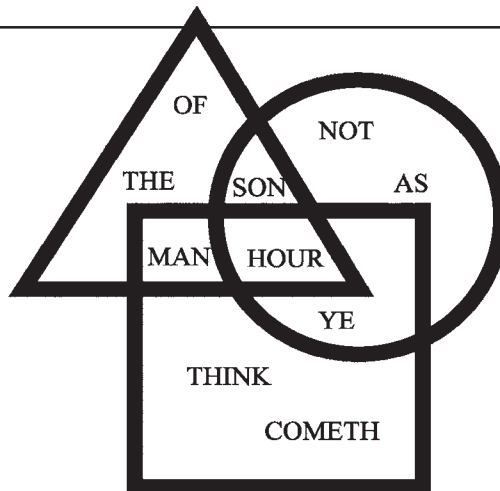
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IN SHAPE WITH THE BIBLE

Jesus gives us a warning in Matthew 24:44. Use the puzzle below to find out what it is.

Follow the instructions to fill each blank with the correct word. After each word is used, cross it off the puzzle. Each word is used only one time.



1. Find the two words that are in the \triangle only. Write the longer word in blank 6. Write the shorter word in blank 8.
2. Find the shortest word that is in the \square only. Write the word in blank 4.
3. Find the word that is in the \square and \circ only. Write the word in blank 3.
4. Find the word that is in the \square , \circ , and \triangle . Write the word in blank 1.
5. Find the word that is in the \circ and \triangle only. Write the word in blank 7.
6. Find the words that are in the \circ only. Write the shorter word in blank 2. Write the longer word in blank 5.
7. Find the word that is in the \triangle and \square only. Write the word in blank 9.
8. Find the longest word that is in the \square only. Write the word in blank 10.

“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	” Matthew 24:44	



¿? Mystery Word¿?

What did the king do when the people refused his invitation?

STEP ONE: Read the list of words below. If the word belongs to the story, circle the letter in the YES column. If the word does not belong, circle the letter in the NO column.

	YES	NO
1. Jesus	H	M
2. hotel	L	I
3. parables	G	N
4. King	H	O
5. tower	Z	W
6. rock	B	A
7. thief	Y	Q
8. dog	T	S

STEP TWO: Write all of the circled letters in order on the blanks to complete the sentence.

“Go ye therefore into the _____ ,
and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.”

Matthew 22:9



RATING

WATCHING CHECKLIST

At what time of the day should we be watching for Christ's return? Work out the puzzle and find this out. Write the letter above the number it matches.

CODE BOX																		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	R	S	T	V	W
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

1. .
 1 17 5 18 5 13

2. .
 1 17 12 9 4 13 9 7 8 17

3. .
 1 17 3 14 3 10 3 15 14 19

4. .
 1 17 12 14 15 13 9 13 7

From this checklist, how often should we be watching for Jesus? From the choices below please circle your answer.

Sometimes

All of the time

Most of the time

Mark 13:35



WORD SEARCH

Find these hidden words and circle them in the puzzle below. Hint: The words read up, down, across, backwards, and diagonally.

SOLDIER

PREACHING

KING

PARABLE

WATCH

PALACE

DISCIPLE

PETER

THIEF

SON

REFUSE

SERVANT

CLOUDS

HOUR

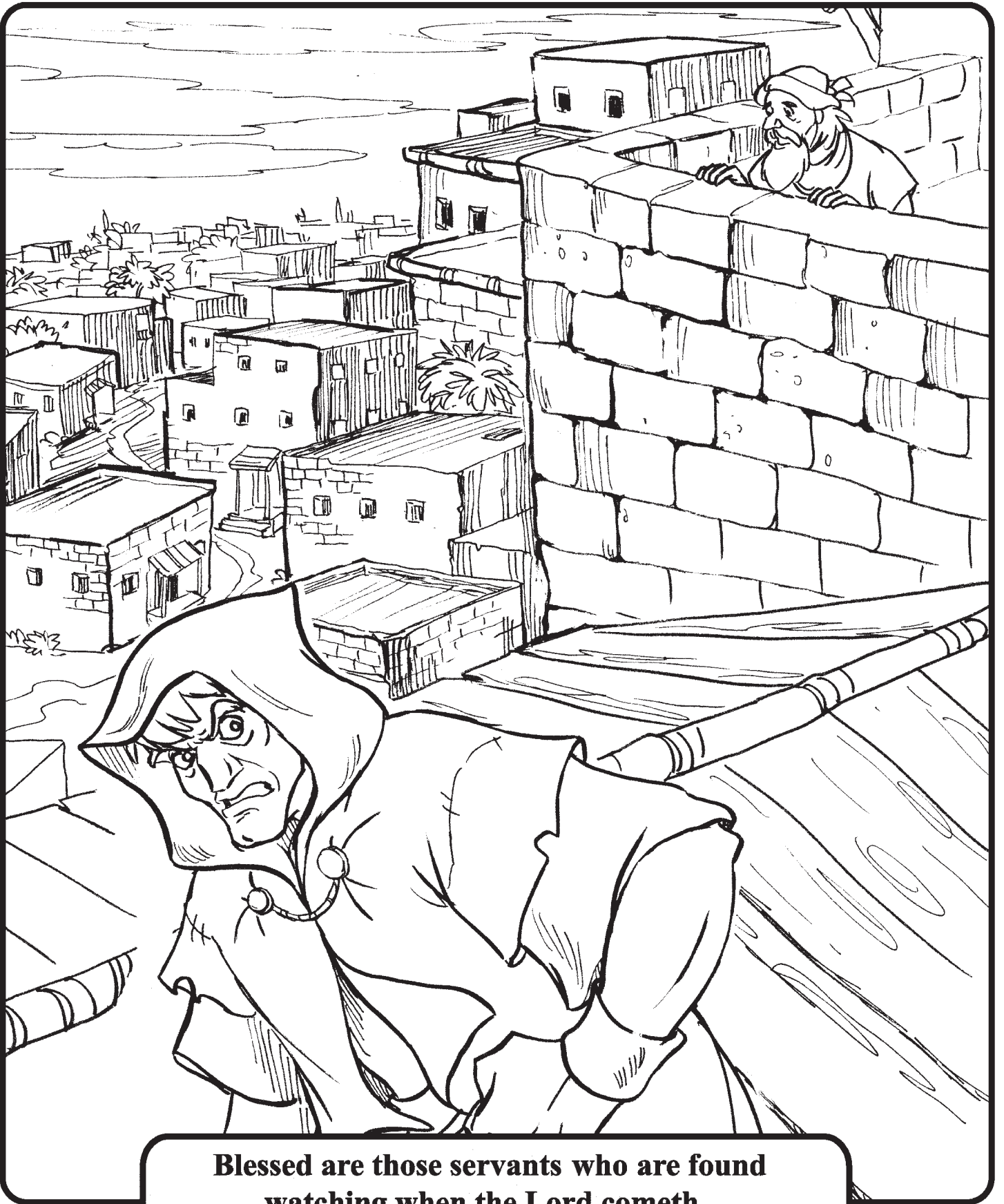
JESUS

PEOPLE

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



RATING



**Blessed are those servants who are found
watching when the Lord cometh.**

Luke 12:37

Fill in the BLANK

Use the words in the box below to complete this verse from "Signs of the Times."

great
glory

cloud
power

then
coming

see
Son

“And _____ shall they
_____ the _____ of man
_____ in a _____
with _____ and _____
_____.”

Luke 21:27



RATING

SUPER Proofreader



The verse below contains ten misspelled words. Become a "Super Proofreader" by circling the misspelled words, and then spelling the words correctly on the lines below the story.

"**A**nd win these things begen two come to pause, thyn look up, and left up yor heeds; four your redemption draweth ni.

Luke 21:28

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



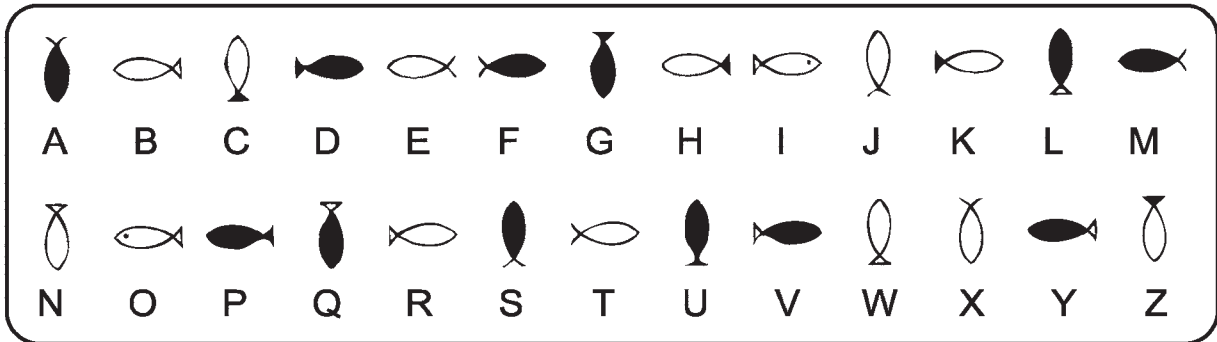


**Watch ye therefore... Lest coming suddenly
he find you sleeping. Mark 13:35-36**

PICTURE CODE

Jesus wants us to be ready for His return.

Use the code below to fill in the blanks and discover what we are to do.



“Lest _____



He find _____ sleeping. _____



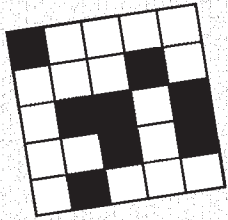
what _____ say unto you I say _____



all _____.”

Mark 13:36–37





Crossword Puzzle

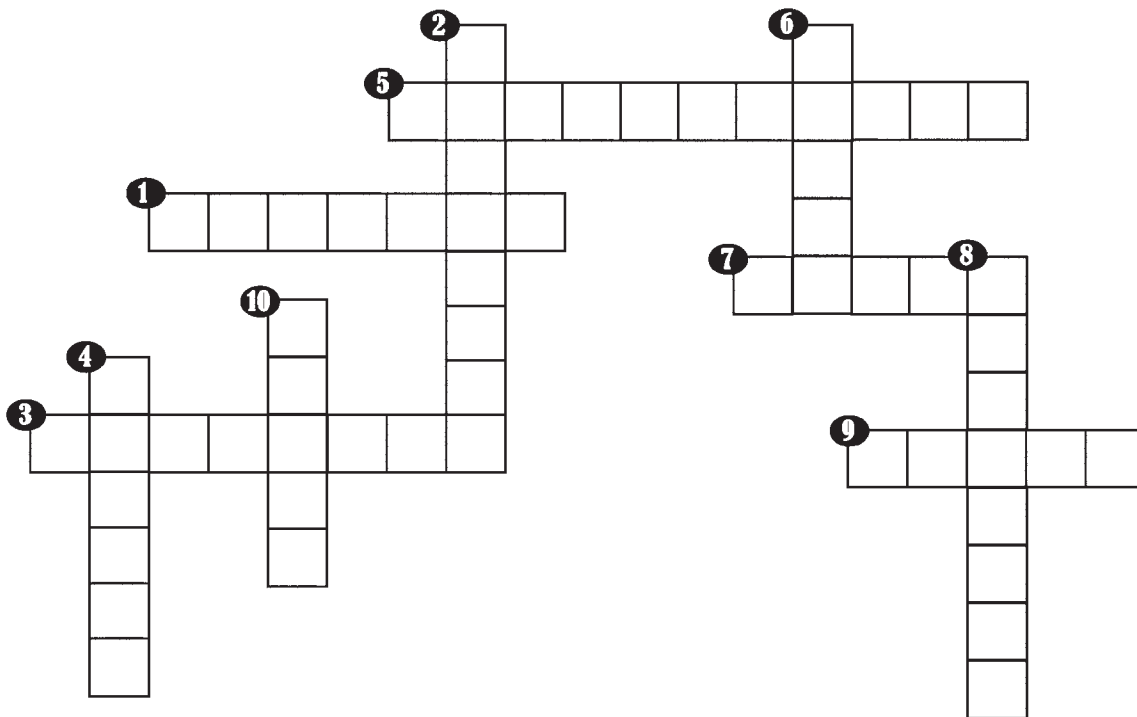
WORD BOX

EARTHQUAKES
PARABLES
FAITHFUL

TEMPLE
SHALL

PETER
WATCH

MESSIAH
SERVANTS
THIEF



Across

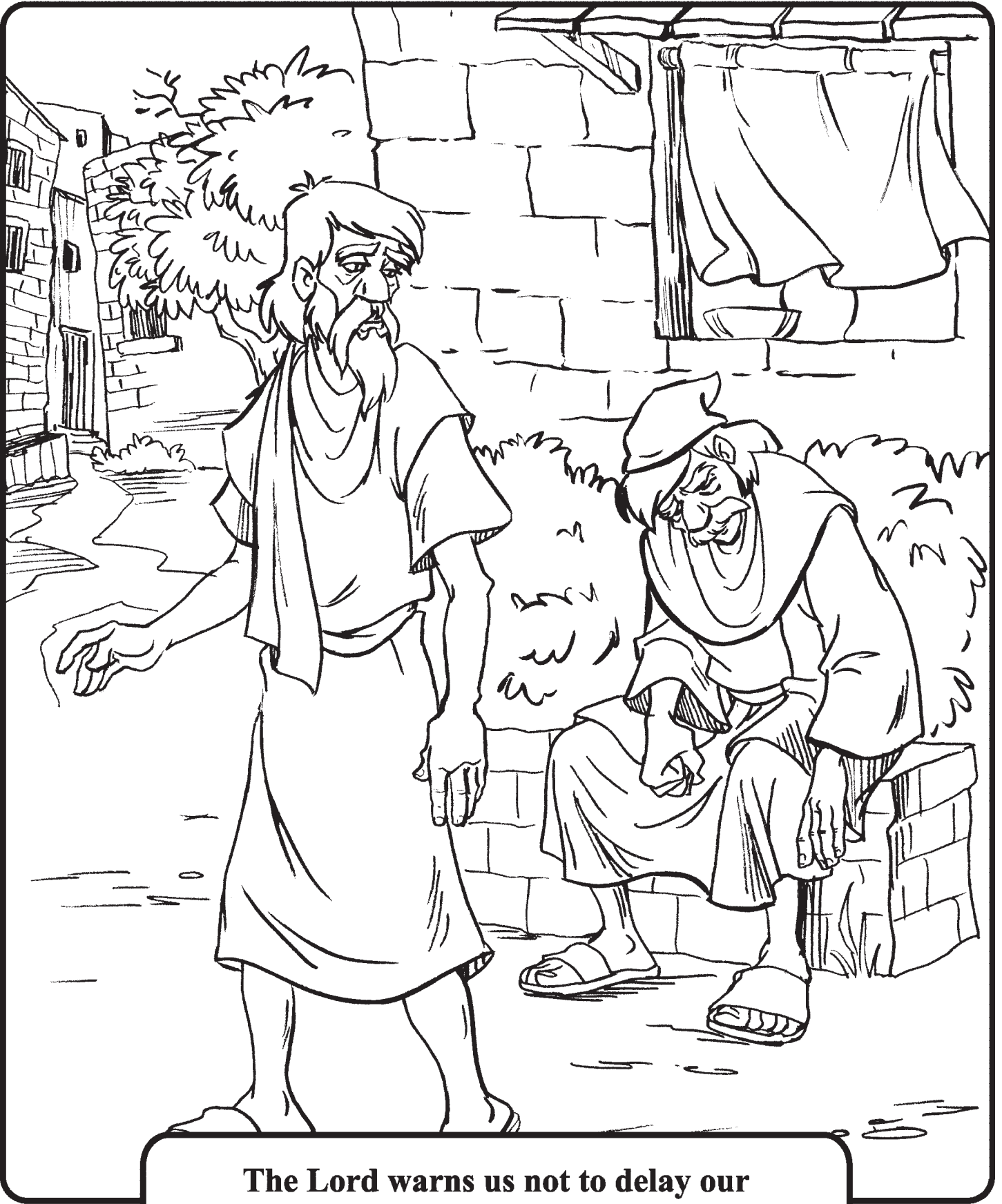
1. Jesus is the _____.
3. The king sent _____.
5. Major shakings.
7. A criminal.
9. One of Jesus' disciples.

Down

2. Jesus taught in _____.
4. A place of worship.
6. To look expectantly.
8. Firmly devoted.
10. He _____ return.



RATING



The Lord warns us not to delay our preparation for His coming. Luke 12:45-47

SCRAMBLED WORDS

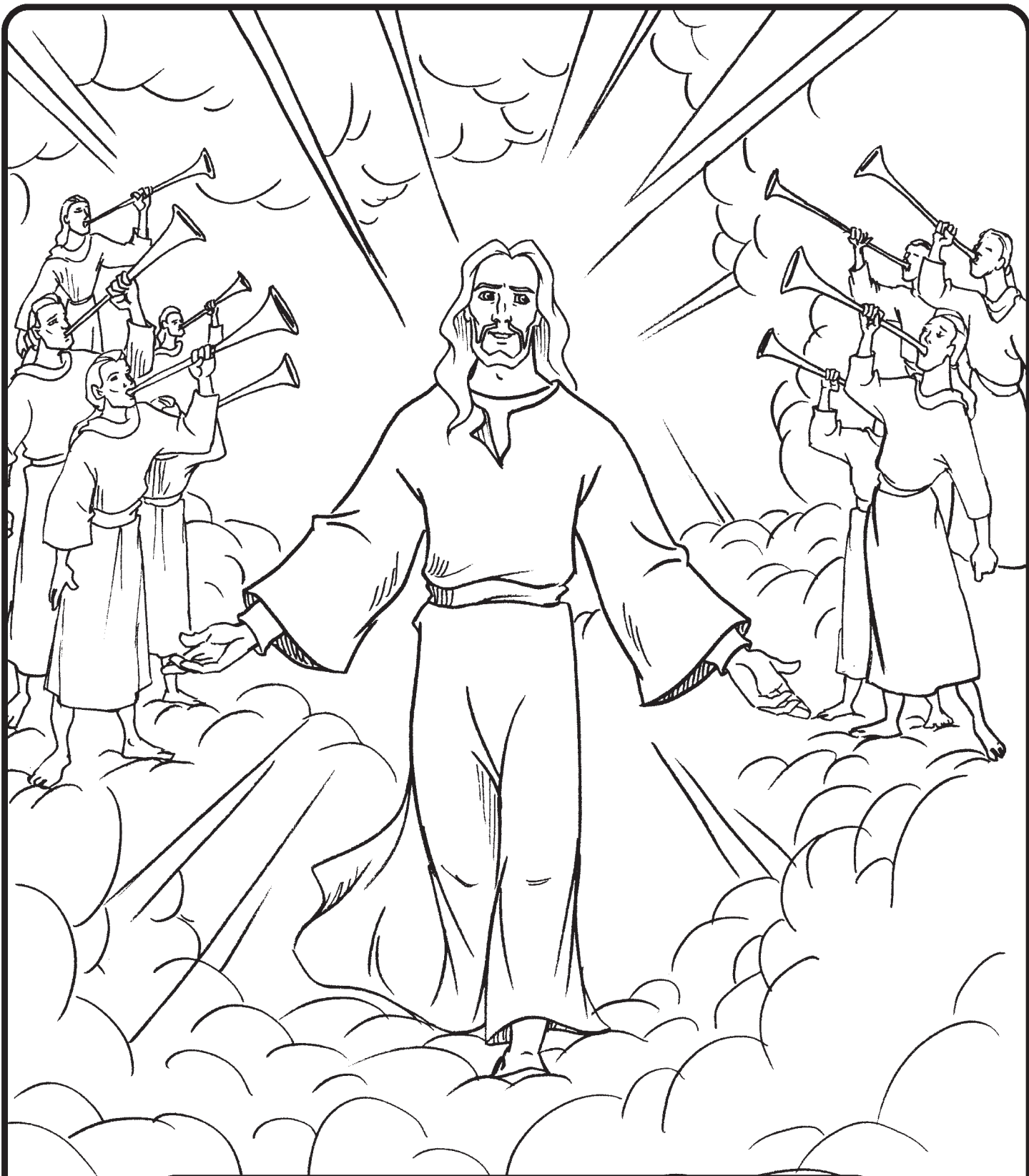
The scrambled words below are found in Matthew 24:44. Use the word box below to unscramble them. Then write the words correctly on the lines provided.

WORD BOX

think hour also in be
cometh son not such ready

1. e b _____
2. s o l a _____
3. d e r y a _____
4. n i _____
5. c h u s _____
6. r o h u _____
7. h k t i n _____
8. o n t _____
9. s n o _____
10. e c m t o h _____





The Son of man shall come again with great power and glory. Matthew 16:27

MULTIPLICATION



If you solve these multiplication challenges, you will be able to solve the mystery at the bottom of the page. Cross out each number in the answer box as it is used, then circle all the unused answers. The words under the unused answers will solve the mystery!

$$5 \times 2 = \underline{\quad} \quad 10 \times 2 = \underline{\quad} \quad 7 \times 3 = \underline{\quad} \quad 3 \times 9 = \underline{\quad}$$

$$6 \times 3 = \underline{\quad} \quad 6 \times 2 = \underline{\quad} \quad 4 \times 4 = \underline{\quad} \quad 3 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$$

$$5 \times 5 = \underline{\quad} \quad 8 \times 6 = \underline{\quad}$$

A N S W E R B O X

25 ME	20 SON	12 HIM	6 SHALL
10 TOO	9 FEEL	27 LESS	21 BE
16 HELP	18 WAY	48 TRUE	8 FIND

Solve the Mystery!

“ Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye
 _____, bid to the marriage. ”

Matthew 22:9



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Number each of the following sentences in the order that they happened in the story. Then follow the directions below to check your answers.

_____ **I**nvitations were turned down by many people.

_____ **N**othing is more important to Alpheus than money.

_____ **K**eep the peace was all the guard would do.

_____ **G**lory and power shall be His when Jesus shall return.

In numbered order, place the first letter of each sentence in the blanks below. If you numbered correctly, the letters will spell out a royal title and will complete this phrase, "The _____ is coming!"

_____	_____	_____	_____
-------	-------	-------	-------



WORD WHEEL

Does Jesus want us to be watching all the time for His return?

Circle every other letter, beginning with the first letter at the arrow. Then copy all the remaining letters on the blanks below to complete the scripture. Remember to go clockwise, starting at the arrow to find the answer.



“Therefore be ye also ready: _____

_____ as ye think not

the Son of man cometh.”

** You may look up the answer in Matthew 24:44*



Vanishing Vowels

All the vowel letters (A,E,I,O,U, and Y) have faded away from this page. To find out about being wise, you must place vowel letters in the blanks to complete the scripture.

“ __nd wh__n th__s__ th__ngs
b__g__n t__c__m__t__
p__ss, th__n l__k__p,
__nd l__ft__p__r
h__ds, f__r__r
r__d__mpt__n
dr__w__th n__gh.”

Luke 21:28



RATING

WISDOM

WORD JUMBLE

Who or what am I? Unscramble each word on the right to answer the statements on the left. Your answers will be names of people or things that are important to the story, "Signs of the Times."

1. Who did His disciples believe Jesus was?

SIHMEAS

2. Through what types of stories did Jesus teach?

SLBAAPRE

3. Who went out to invite the people to the party?

RVESNTSA

4. What man was very unhappy with his people?

GNKI

5. Nation shall rise against what?

NNAITO

6. What does Jesus want us to do?

TAWHC

7. Upon His return, who will Jesus send?

AGELSN

8. What will a person become who is faithful and wise?

RRLEU





Jesus will gather His elect. Matthew 24:31

TRUE OR FALSE

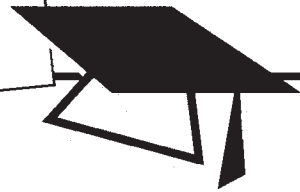
Read the statements below. If it is true, circle the "T."
If it is false, circle the "F."

- | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jesus is the Messiah. | T | F |
| 2 | Some Pharisees were angry with Jesus. | T | F |
| 3 | Peter, James and John were some of Jesus' disciples. | T | F |
| 4 | The king was glad when the people rejected his invitation. | T | F |
| 5 | The servant refused to invite just anyone to the king's party. | T | F |
| 6 | The king made everyone feel welcomed to his palace. | T | F |
| 7 | No one knows when Jesus will return. | T | F |
| 8 | Not knowing when Jesus will return, is like not knowing when a thief will steal from you. | T | F |
| 9 | Jesus wants us to be like Alpheus from our story. | T | F |
| 10 | One day Jesus will return. | T | F |



Take an *S.A.T.

*Scripture Awareness Test



1) What person is Isaiah 9:6 talking about?

2) In Matthew 22:2, who do the king and his son represent?

3) Write down Matthew 22:14.

4) What did Jesus' disciples ask in Luke 21:7?

5) According to Luke 21:8, who should we not listen to?

6) In Luke 21:9 when we hear of war, what should we do?

7) In Luke 21:36, what two things must Christians always do?

8) In Matthew 24:43, who represents Jesus?

9) In Matthew 24:44, what hour could Jesus return?

10) Where shall the Son of man be coming from? (Mark 13:26, Matthew 24:30)

11) What will Jesus bring with Him? (Mark 13:27)

12) Who will Jesus gather together? (Mark 13:27)



RATING

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

POINTS TO PONDER

1.

Do you see any signs of His return today?



2.

Are you watching and waiting for Jesus' return?

3.

Why do you think Jesus hasn't returned already?



4.

Can anyone predict when Jesus will return? Why?



ANSWER KEY

LEVEL ONE

CIRCLE THE FACE — PAGE 8



BACKWARDS ALPHABET — PAGE 10

“ w h a t t h i n g s
D S Z G G S R M T H

s h o u l d h a p p e n
H S L F O W S Z K K V M

u n t o h i m ”, Mark 10:32
F M G L S R N

FIND THE WORD — PAGE 12

Z	Y	X	Z	Y
Y	X	Z	K	Z
Z	Y	I	X	Z
X	X	N	Y	Z
Z	G	Z	X	Y

HIDDEN WORD — PAGE 15

a b c s d e
f g i h i j
k g l m n n
o p q r s t
u v w s x y
z

The kingdom of heaven is like unto
a certain K I N G... Matthew 22:2

S I G N S

ANSWER KEY

LEVEL ONE

FIND THE WORDS — PAGE 17

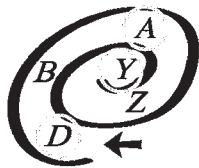
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V	C	O	D	G	Z	B	V
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G	H	E	Z	E	I	C	E
V	V	T	T	C	T	Z	G
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“But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitude, because they t O O K H I M for a prophet.” Matthew 21:46

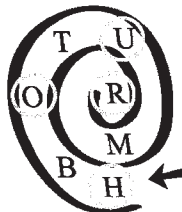
SHAPE MATCH-UP — PAGE 19

- The **KING** had a party for his son.
- Jesus taught in **PARABLES**.
- Peter was a **DISCIPLE** of Jesus.
- No one knows the **DAY** when Jesus will return.
- Alpheus loved **MONEY**.

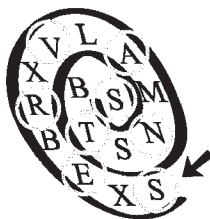
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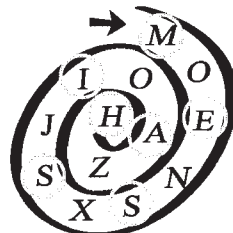
1. No man knows the *day*



2. No one knows the *hour*



3. The King sent his *servants*



4. Jesus is the *Messiah*

ANSWER KEY

LEVEL TWO

IN SHAPE WITH THE BIBLE — PAGE 29

“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an

<i>hour</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>ye</i>	<i>think</i>	<i>not</i>	<i>the</i>
1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Son</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>man</i>	<i>cometh</i>	.” Matthew 24:44	
7	8	9	10		

MYSTERY WORD — PAGE 30

HIGHWAYS

WATCHING CHECKLIST — PAGE 31

1. *At even.*
2. *At midnight.*
3. *At cockcrow.*
4. *At morning.*

Answer: All the time

WORD SEARCH — PAGE 32

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

FILL IN THE BLANK — PAGE 34

And then shall they
see the Son of man
coming in a cloud
 with power and great
glory.

Luke 21:27

SUPER PROOFREADER — PAGE 35

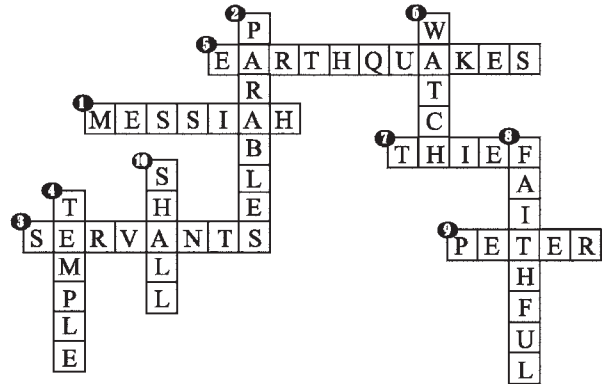
Misspelled words = Correct spelling

<i>win = when</i>	<i>left = lift</i>
<i>begen = begin</i>	<i>yor = your</i>
<i>two = to</i>	<i>heids = heads</i>
<i>pause = pass</i>	<i>four = for</i>
<i>thyn = then</i>	<i>ni = nigh</i>

PICTURE CODE — PAGE 37

“Lest coming suddenly
 He find you sleeping. And
 what I say unto you I say unto
 all Watch .”

CROSSWORD — PAGE 38



SCRAMBLED WORDS — PAGE 41

1. *BE*
2. *ALSO*
3. *READY*
4. *IN*
5. *SUCH*
6. *HOUR*
7. *THINK*
8. *NOT*
9. *SON*
10. *COMETH*

ANSWER KEY

LEVEL TWO

MULTIPLICATION MYSTERY – PAGE 43

$5 \times 2 = 10$ $10 \times 2 = 20$ $7 \times 3 = 21$ $3 \times 9 = 27$
 $6 \times 3 = 18$ $6 \times 2 = 12$ $4 \times 4 = 16$ $3 \times 3 = 9$
 $5 \times 5 = 25$ $8 \times 6 = 48$

ANSWER BOX

25 ME	20 SON	12 HIM	6 SHALL
10 TOO	9 FEEL	27 LESS	21 BE
16 HELP	18 WAY	48 TRUE	8 FIND

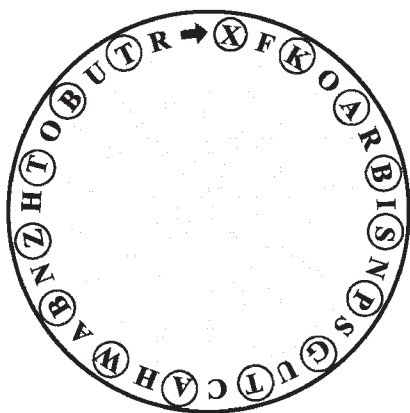
“Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye
shall find , bid to the marriage.”

Matthew 22:9

FIRST THINGS FIRST – PAGE 44

Answer: 2, 3, 1, 4
KING

WORD WHEEL – PAGE 45



“Therefore be ye also ready: for in
such an hour as ye think not
the Son of man cometh.”

VANISHING VOWELS – PAGE 46

“And when these things
begin to come to
pass, then look up,
and lift up your
heads, for your
redemption
draweth nigh.”

WORD JUMBLE – PAGE 47

1. MESSIAH
2. PARABLES
3. SERVANT
4. KING
5. NATION
6. WATCH
7. ANGELS
8. RULER

TRUE OR FALSE – PAGE 49

1. T 3. T 5. F 7. T 9. F
2. T 4. F 6. T 8. T 10. T

TAKE AN S.A.T. – PAGE 50

- 1) Jesus
- 2) God the Father and Jesus his Son.
- 3) “For many are called, but few are chosen.”
- 4) What sign will there be?
- 5) False Christs or people claiming to be Jesus.
- 6) Be not terrified or afraid.
- 7) Watch and pray.
- 8) The thief.
- 9) An hour as ye think not.
- 10) In the clouds.
- 11) Great power and glory.
- 12) His elect.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

The prophets

The names by which Jesus Christ shall be called	Isaiah 9:6
Jesus enters Jerusalem	Matthew 21:1–11
Prophecy of Jesus’ Triumphant Entry	Matthew 21:4–5
People question who Jesus is	Matthew 21:10
Jesus speaks with His disciples	Mark 10:32
The rejection of John the Baptist	Matthew 21:32
The kingdom of God given to another	Matthew 21:43
The chief priests and Pharisees	Matthew 21:44–46

The parable of the wedding celebration

Jesus speaks in parables	Matthew 22:1
The kingdom of heaven is like a king	Matthew 22:2
The king sent forth his servants	Matthew 22:3
The people would not come	Matthew 22:3
Again the king sent his servants	Matthew 22:4
Again the people refused	Matthew 22:5
The people were mean to the servants	Matthew 22:6
The king’s anger	Matthew 22:7
The king’s new plan	Matthew 22:8–9
The servants go out again	Matthew 22:10
“For many are called...”	Matthew 22:14

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

The temple

- Disciples show Jesus the temple Matthew 24:1
Mark 13:1
- The temple will be destroyed Matthew 24:2
Mark 13:2
Luke 21:5–6

The signs of the times

- The destruction Matthew 24:1–2
Mark 13:1–2
Luke 21:5–6
- “When shall these things be” Matthew 24:3
Mark 13:3–4
Luke 21:7
- Deceivers Matthew 24:4–5
Mark 13:5–6
Luke 21:8
- Wars and rumors of wars Matthew 24:6
Mark 13:7
Luke 21:9–10
- Earthquakes Matthew 24:7
Mark 13:8
Luke 21:11
- The beginning of sorrows Matthew 24:8
Mark 13:8
- Great tribulation Matthew 24:21
Mark 13:19

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The second coming of Jesus

The sun and moon darkened; stars fall from heaven	Matthew 24:29 Mark 13:24 Luke 21:25
The Son of man in the clouds	Matthew 24:30 Mark 13:26 Luke 21:27
The angels with trumpets	Matthew 24:31
“Lift up your heads”	Luke 21:28

The full accounts from Matthew, Mark and Luke

Signs of the times	Matthew 24:3–36 Mark 13:3–37 Luke 21:5–36
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The thief

Be ready	Matthew 24:42–44 Luke 12:39
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Watch

Watch ye therefore	Mark 13:35–37 Luke 12:36
Blessed are those servants	Luke 12:37–38

Prepare

Delay not our preparation	Luke 12:45–47
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