

WHO IS THE REAL KING?

[Jerusalem] — In the country where Jesus lived there were two governments. It was like having two kings at once. The priests at the big temple in Jerusalem believed that God was the real king. They taught people to obey laws from the Bible.

But there was another king, the emperor in Rome. His soldiers were everywhere, telling people what to do. Rome really ran the country. Many people in Jesus' country wondered, "Who is the real king? The emperor? Or God?"

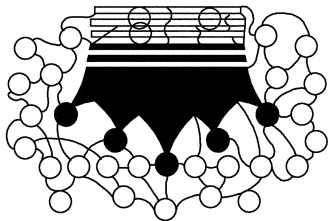
People who thought the emperor was the real king were afraid to say so, because so many people hated the Romans. People who knew God is the real king were afraid to say so because the Romans might arrest them.

Jesus' enemies tried to trick him. They said, "Who is the real king? The emperor? Or God?" Jesus would not let them trick him. He said, "You already know the right answer. *You tell me* what it is." They got caught in their own trick. They were afraid to say anything.

Jesus was not afraid to tell people that God is the real king, greater than the emperor.

Matthew 22:15-21

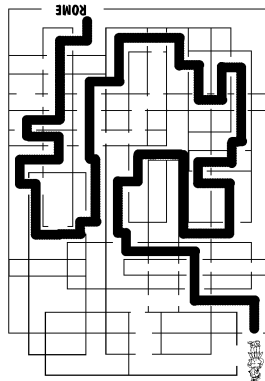
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"GOD IS THE REAL KING."

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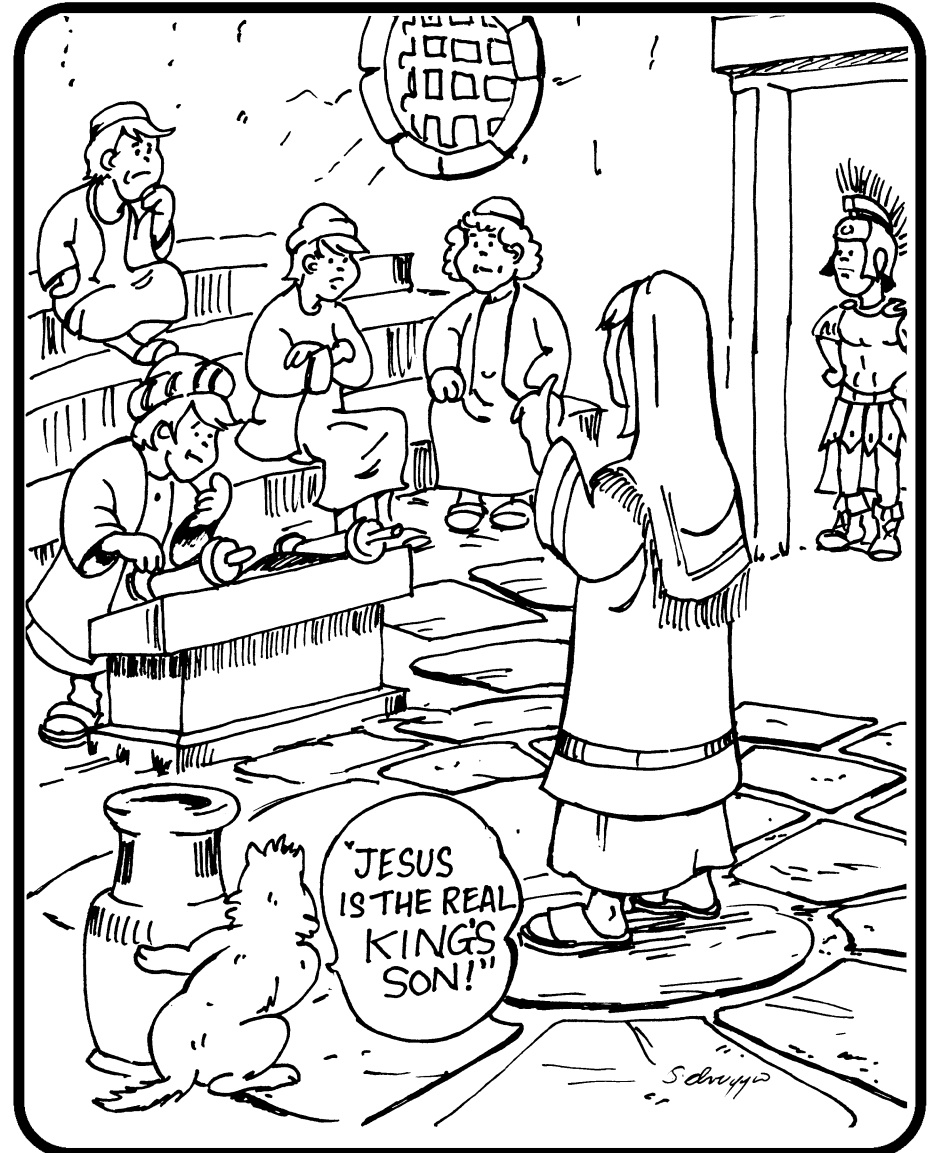
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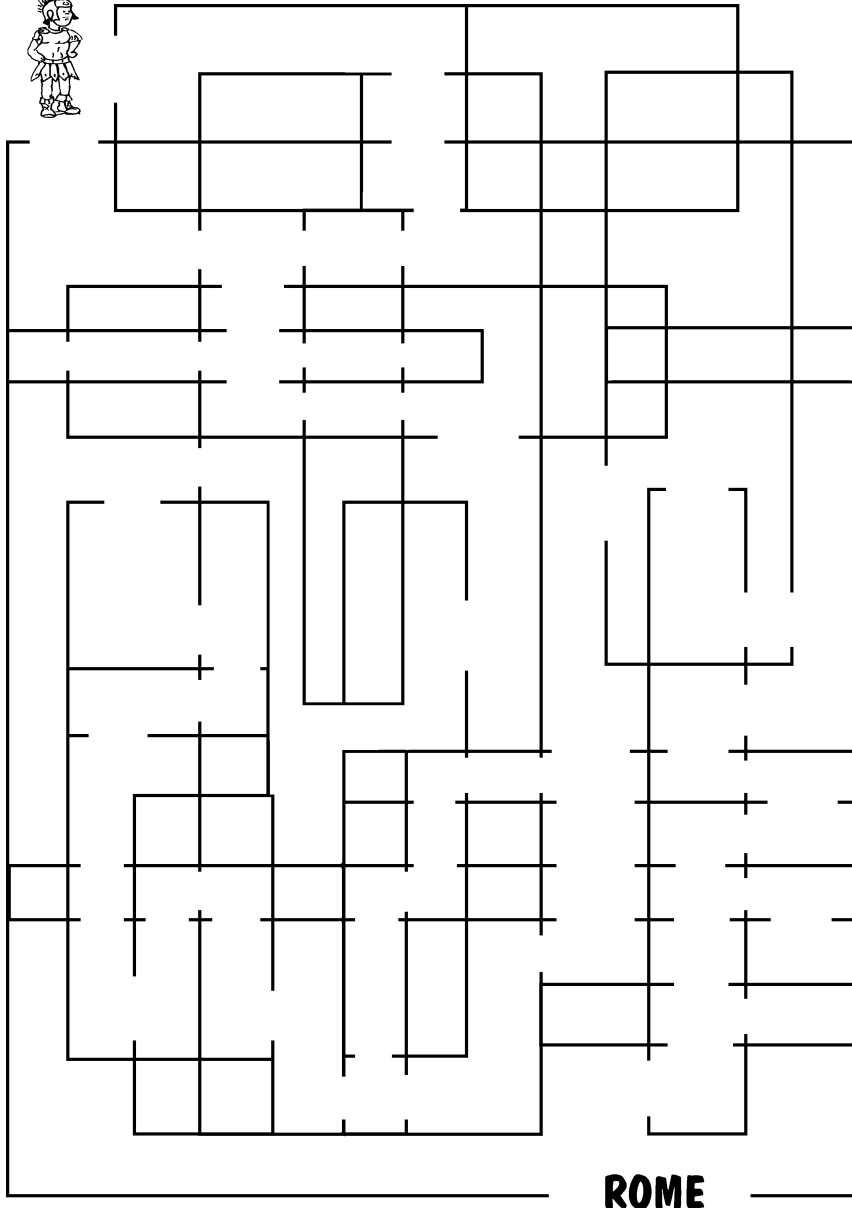
GOSPEL GRAMS



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Find The Path. The people in today's Gospel story would have liked to send the Roman government back to Rome. In the maze below, find a path from the Roman to Rome.



ROME

Hidden Message. Use the code to fill in the missing letters. The first blank needs the letter with number 1 above it, the second blank needs number 2 letter, and so forth. The message reminds us of today's Gospel story.

4	12	1	8	5	11	15	14	2	7	16	9	3	13	10	6
I	L	G	E	S	A	N	I	O	H	G	R	D	K	E	T

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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13 14 15 16

Hidden Picture. Below is a picture of something an earthly king might have, even though Jesus, the real king, never had one. Color or shade in all the spaces with a dot to reveal the picture.

