

Praxis Learns To Serve

Key Word: Example

Key Verse: "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."
John 13:15

"Praxis!" called his mother. "Come and help me."

Praxis groaned. He didn't want to help. He was having a great game with some of his friends. He turned a naughty shade of orange and put his finger to his lips, to warn his pixie friends to be quiet. Then he snuck off and hid.

Praxis' mother came around the corner. "Have you seen Praxis?" she asked the pixie children. They silently shook their heads.

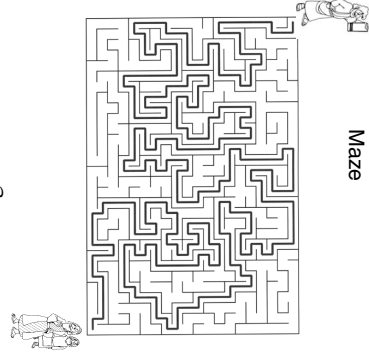
"That naughty pixie!" exclaimed his mother. "We have the Wise Old Pixie coming to tea. It's such an honor, but I need Praxis to set the table for me, while I bake the cakes."

Praxis groaned even more. He loved and admired the Wise Old Pixie, who was the most important pixie in the whole kingdom, but he hated household chores.

His friends had melted away, so Praxis slipped away by himself and climbed a tree. Then he played with some acorn marbles. Then he knocked on some pixie doors and ran away and hid before the door was opened. Then he began to get up to all sorts of naughty tricks.

At last, as the sun went down, Praxis sauntered home, looking forward to tea with the Wise Old Pixie.

"I'm home, Mom," he shouted, adding, "Can I help?" as he pretended he knew nothing about his mother's guest.



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But to his surprise, the Wise Old Pixie came into the room wearing an apron, and began to set the table.

"Wh - what are you doing?" faltered Praxis.

"Setting the table for your tea," answered the Wise Old Pixie. "I've baked some scones for you while your mother baked cakes. Now I'm helping to get the room ready."

Praxis was so embarrassed that he turned scarlet. The Wise Old Pixie was the honored guest. But he was doing Praxis' chores. Praxis felt very small and didn't enjoy his tea one bit.

After tea he jumped up and began to collect the plates.

"What are you doing?" asked his mother. "I'm going to wash up," replied Praxis. "And I'm always going to help you from now on."

And do you know, after that he always did.

Questions

Why didn't Praxis want to help his mother?

Why did Wise Old Pixie do Praxis' chores?

What did Jesus say about helping others?

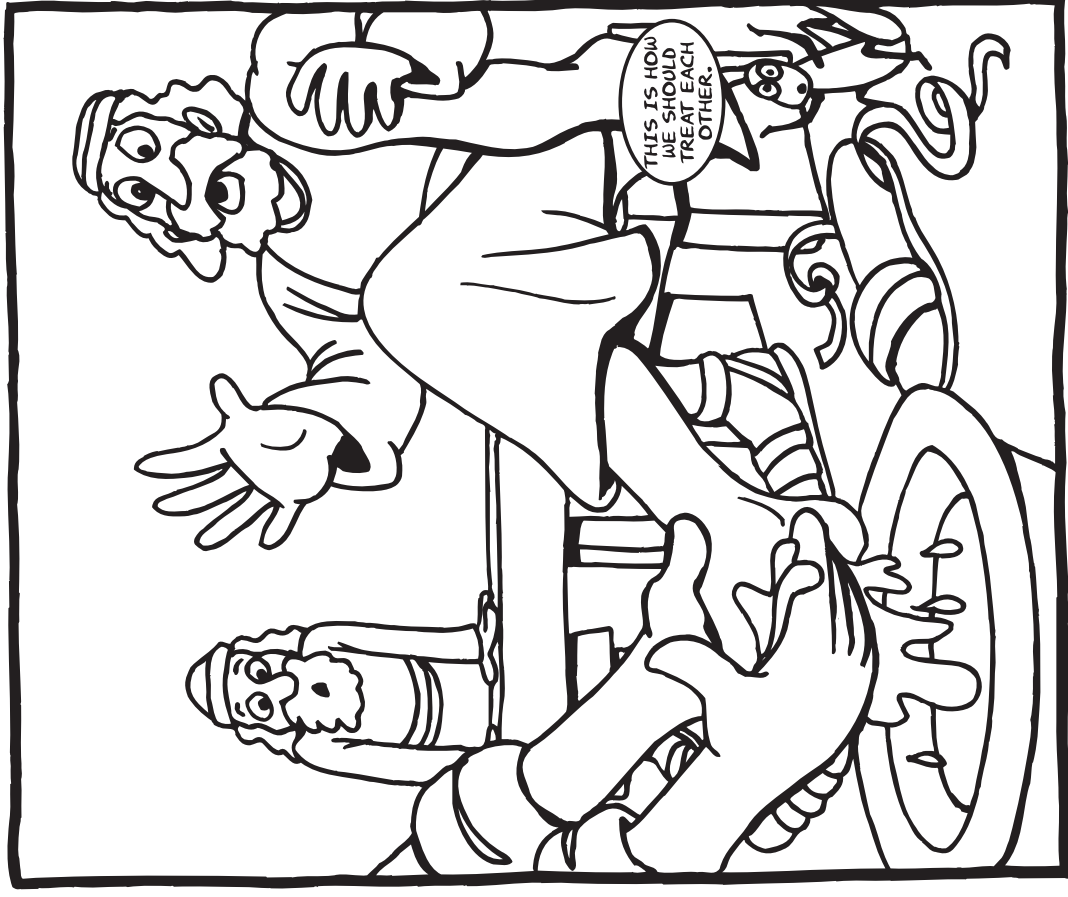
For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

Fallen Letter Puzzle

You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am.

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Answers



Gospel Grams



Today's Gospel Story
is from
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Cryptogram

Below is a verse from today's Gospel story, John 13:1-17, 31b-35. Each letter is matched with a number. The numbers for three of the letters have been filled in for you. Beginning with these and using trial and error, see if you can decipher this message.

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Fallen Letter Puzzle

Insert the letters in each column into the boxes above them to form the words of a Bible quotation. The letters are not necessarily in order – it's up to you to determine which letter goes in which box above it. Each letter will be used once and only once. Black squares usually indicate the end of a word but are also used as spacers at the beginning and ending of a quotation. One column is done for you.

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In today's Gospel story, Jesus washes the disciples' feet and then tells them to go and wash one another's feet. Help the disciples find their way to wash others' feet.

