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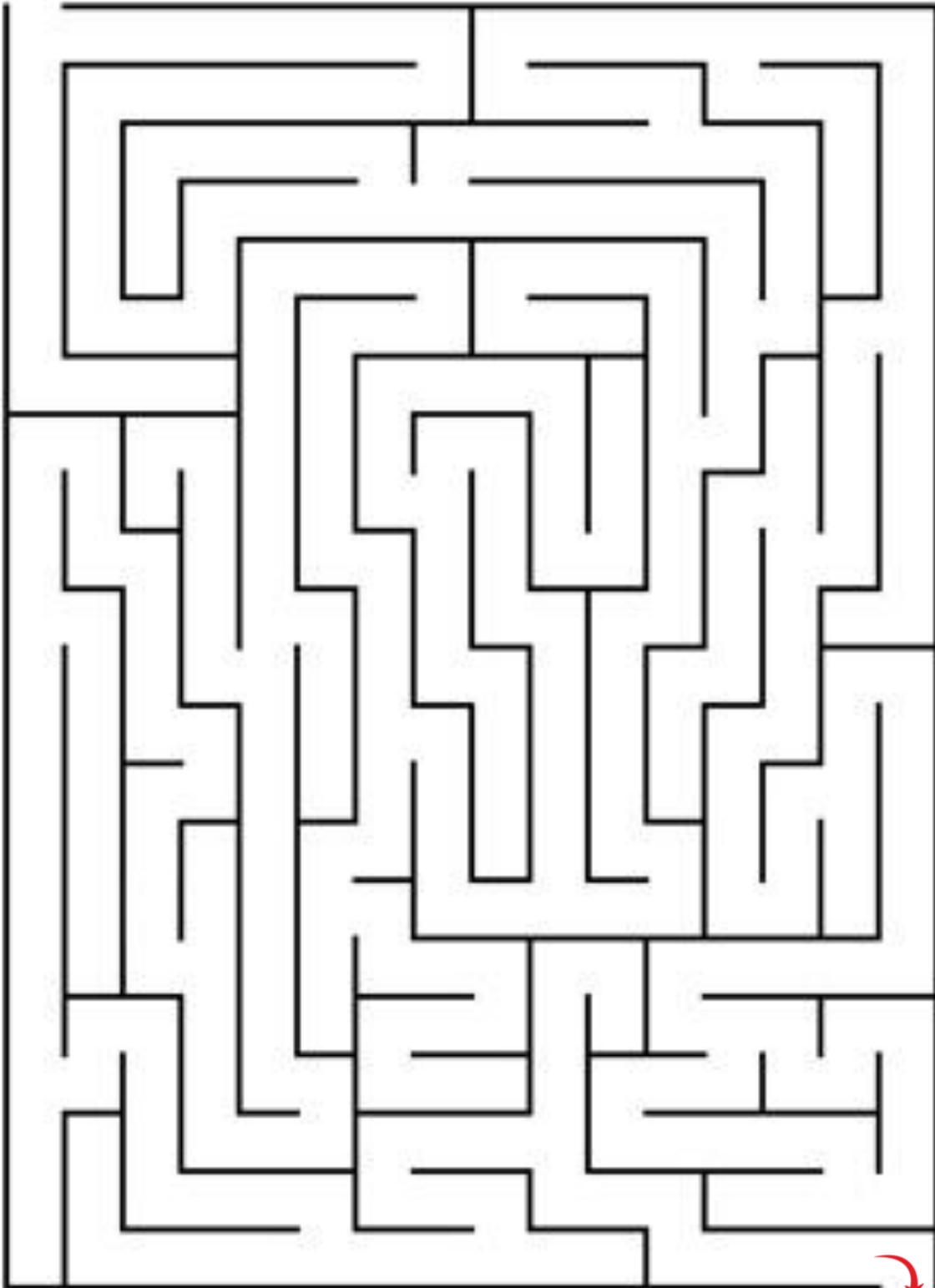
See if you can find the bag of gold on every page of the worksheet!

passage – Matthew 25.¹⁴⁻³⁰



theme – Honour the Lord!

“Those who honour Me,” says the Lord



See if you can reach the end!

Living life can be a bit like figuring out how to get through a maze!

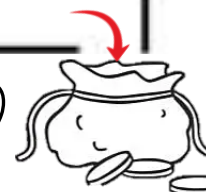
*Every so often there are **big** choices which you have to make.*

Which is the right way to go? What is the right thing to do?

In this worksheet we're going to be thinking about why it's so very important that we choose always to honour the Lord in how we live our lives. ?



“... I will honour”



1 Sam.2.30

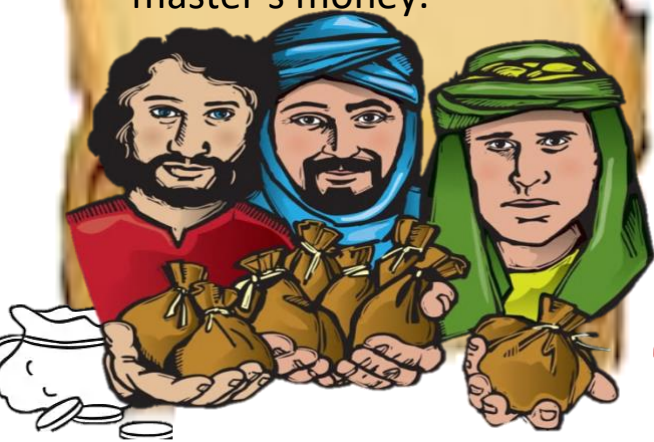
generous

Read
Matthew
chapter 25
verses 14-18

¹⁴ 'Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.

¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.



a generous master

This is a story which Jesus told to help His friends learn how life works in the Kingdom of God.

The man in the story was *very* wealthy! Each bag of gold which the man gave to his servants would have been worth about roughly 20 times a basic salary of say £25,000.

Do the maths! Work out how much each of the servants was given by their master.



Servant # 1

$$5 \times 20 \times 25,000 = \text{£}$$

Servant # 2

$$2 \times 20 \times 25,000 = \text{£}$$

Servant # 3

$$1 \times 20 \times 25,000 = \text{£}$$

The man was not only very wealthy, though: he was also very generous!

That's a lot of wealth to give away!

But the big question was – what would the servants do with his wealth? Would they use it well?

Time to choose!

faithful

Read

Matthew 25

verses 19-23

The first two servants were 'faithful': they both **doubled** what they had been given by their master!

The master was really pleased! He'd taken a bit of a risk in generously giving the gold to his three servants: and these first two servants had shown the same approach as their master.

They had **honoured** him in acting like him. And so the master **honoured** them.

He said the same thing to each of them. Can you spot what he said, and fill in the blanks below?

Y _____
F _____

I _____
_____ **C** _____

think . .

God is very generous!

How might you show that sort of generosity to others?



¹⁹ 'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."

²¹ 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

²² 'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more."

²³ 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"



afraid

Read

Matthew 25

verses 19-23

²⁴ ‘Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. “Master,” he said, “I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.”

²⁶ ‘His master replied, “You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For **whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.** ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The third servant was afraid of his master.

Fearful not faithful.

He had a wrong view about his master and as a result he didn't act in the way that the other servants had acted – and he didn't adopt the same approach as his master had done.

He didn't **honour** his master at all.



And his master certainly didn't **honour** him!

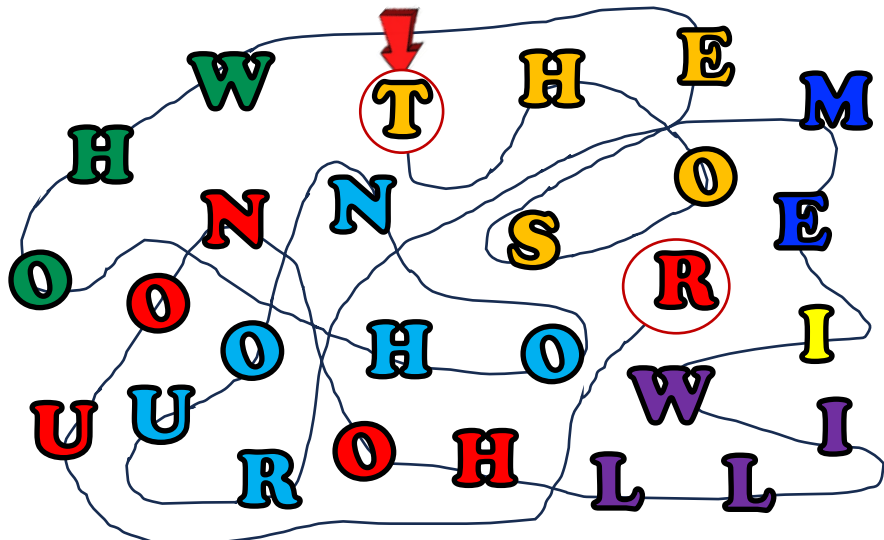
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Have a look at what happened to him!

The first two servants trusted their master knew what he was doing and were careful to do things his way.

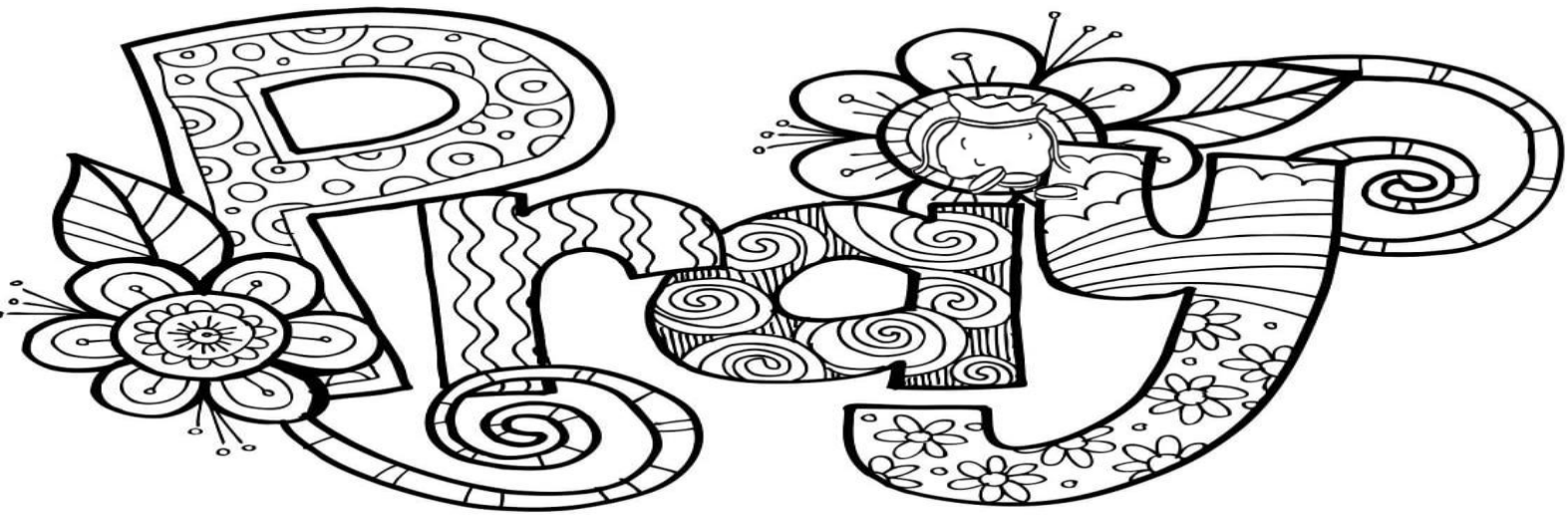
They were full of faith. The third servant was full of fear.

Follow the letters below to get the message!



What's the message?

Write the answer below!



Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you

You tell great stories, Jesus!

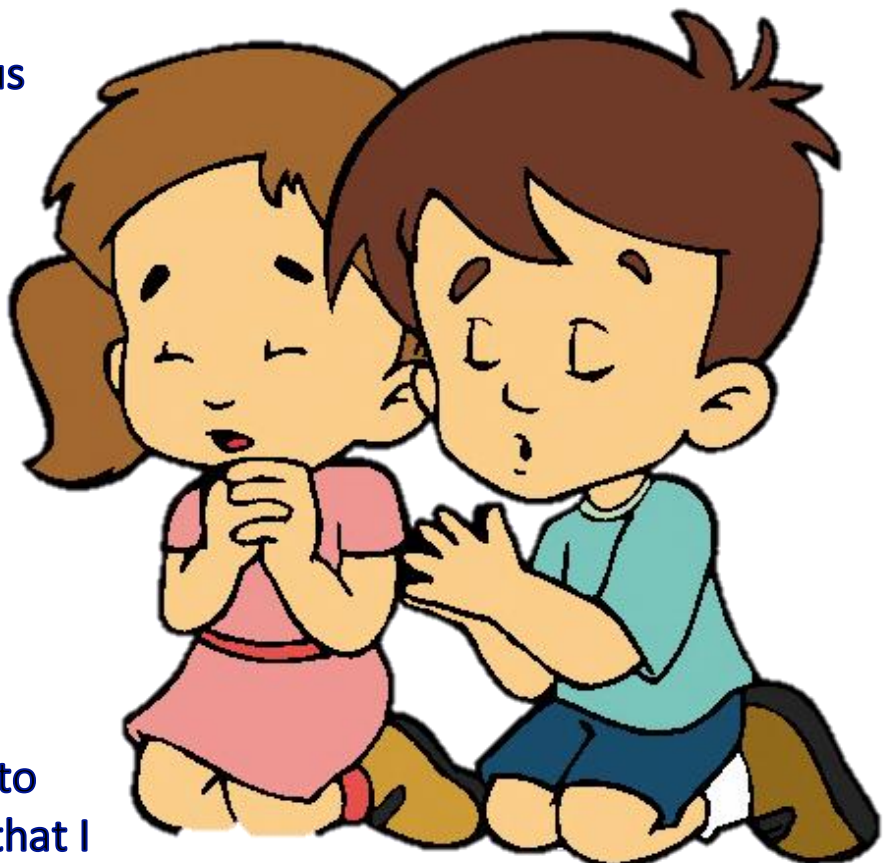
Thank You for the way these stories help me learn more about what it's like to live in Your Kingdom.

You're the best, that's for sure! And being part of Your Kingdom is the best!

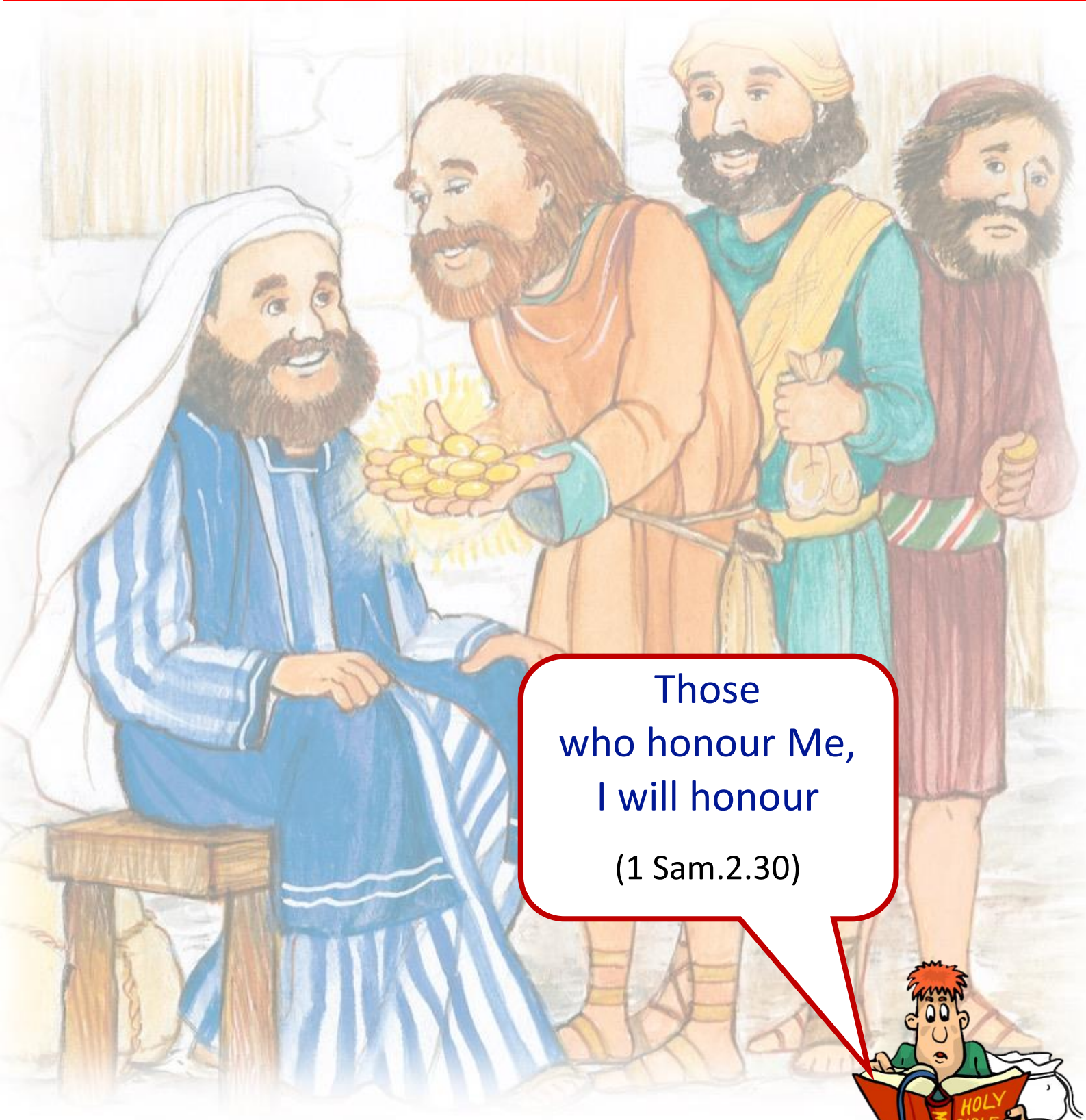
**Sometimes I forget how generous
You always are, and how ready
You are to give good gifts to
Your people, how ready
You are to do us good.**

**And sometimes I get
to be a bit afraid as well.**

**Help me to trust You always and
to live each day giving of myself to
others and honouring You in all that I
say and do – so that lots of my friends will start to trust in You too!**



Today's verse for you to try and remember!



Those
who honour Me,
I will honour
(1 Sam.2.30)



Wordsearch

The Wordsearch is taken from the story Jesus told in Matthew 25. See if you can find all the words!

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N Q K I N P R N P A T H W R W
I I A R L A P R E R D A O A E
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