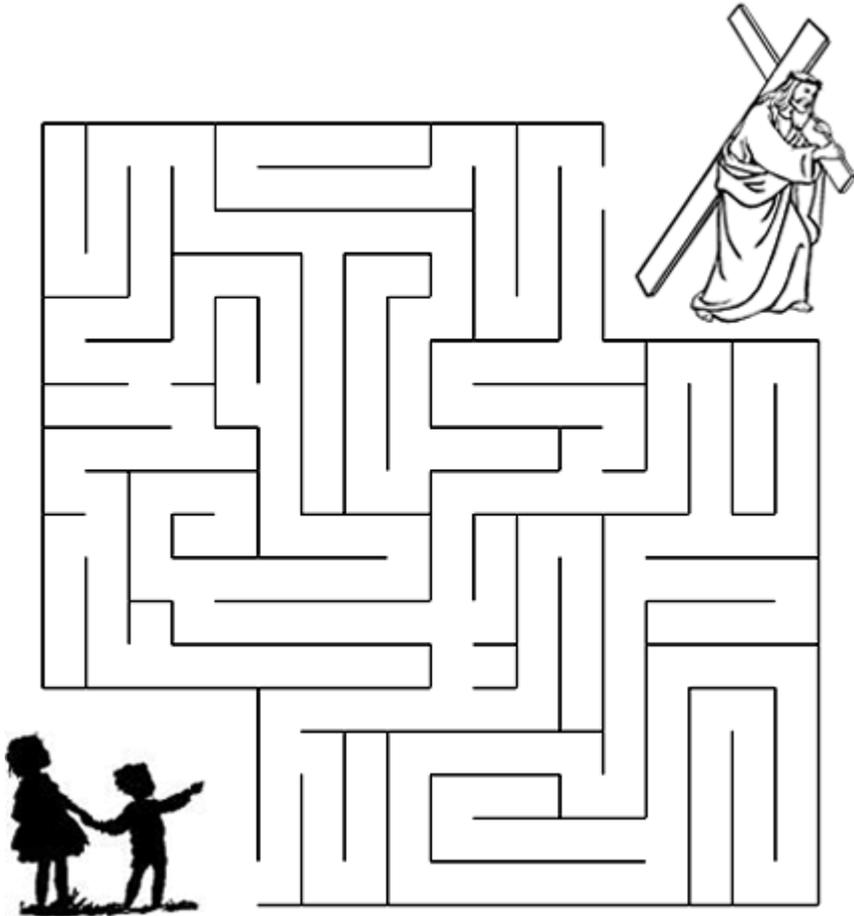


Can you find the path to Jesus?

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34



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Denying your selfie

Say no to yourself and yes to Jesus
Mark 8:31-38



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Have you ever heard of the game, Marbles? Let me tell you how to play. First, you draw a big ring in the dirt with your foot. Then you use a piece of yarn to and place the yarn in a circular shape. Then each player puts a few of his or her own marbles into the ring wherever they like. The players then take turns shooting a marble, trying to knock the other marbles out of the ring by flicking or rolling a marble toward the other players marbles to try to knock them out. When a shooter knocks a marble out of the ring, he or she picks it up and puts it in their pocket. If the players shooting marble stays inside the ring, the player is allowed to keep shooting. If not, the next shooter takes their turn. When all the marbles have been knocked out of the ring, they are counted and the one with the most marbles is the winner.

Before a game of marbles begins, one player will sometimes ask the other players, "Are we playing for fun, or are we playing for keeps?" If you just play for fun, when the game is over, the winner gives the marbles back. But if you play for keeps, the winner gets to keep all of the marbles they have won.

Some people live their lives like a game of marbles, always trying to have the most "marbles." They think that the one with the biggest house, the fanciest car, and the most money in the bank is the winner. They think they are playing "for keeps," but, how much do they take with them when their lives are over? Nothing!

Jesus said that if we want to be real winners in life we must be willing to give up *everything* and follow Him. We may not live in a big house or drive a fancy car, but when we follow Jesus we have something much better--treasures in heaven. In heaven we'll walk on streets of gold and we'll live forever with Jesus.

Dear God, help us realize that the only life that lasts is a life lived for You. In Jesus' name, amen.

I will follow Jesus, our leader.



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