

November 30, 2025

Today's Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

## Today, at church I learned:

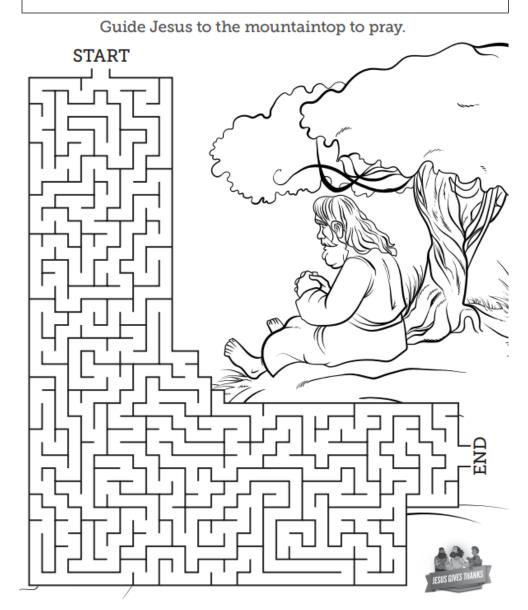
## **JESUS GIVES THANKS**

## 1 Thessalonians 5:18



Throughout His life on earth, Jesus demonstrated thankfulness.

When others rejected Him and would not repent, when He faced the impossible in caring for other's needs, while grieving the loss of a close friend, and even while facing persecution and death, Jesus was thankful to His Father in Heaven. He knew God was good, perfect, and powerful. God is worthy of being trusted, and Jesus was thankful in all things.



Paul teaches what Jesus demonstrated: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

We need to follow Jesus' example and give thanks to God in every situation.

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## **Word Bank**

| JESUS    | CHILDREN | DIED      |
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| THANKS   | LAZARUS  | DISCIPLES |
| REJECTED | GOD      | FISH      |
| TRUST    | FATHER   | BREAD     |

If we know that God loves us and we belong to Him, rejection from others won't be as difficult.

If we understand that God is all powerful, we will be thankful, even when we feel overwhelmed by forces beyond our strength.

If we know God is the resurrection and the life, we won't need to fear death or grieve as though we have no hope.

If we know God is good, we will be grateful for what we have.

If we know God is forgiving, we will be thankful for the discipline that drives us to repentance.

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

