

The Power of God's Love

based on Mark 4:26-34










Jesus wanted his followers to understand how powerful God's love is, so he told this story:

God's way of love is like a tiny mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds. When this tiny seed is planted in some soil, something amazing happens. At first people can't see anything happening, but deep in the ground the seed is changing and growing.

First a little green shoot appears. Next, some leaves uncurl, and it doesn't stop there! The seed keeps growing. Before long, it is the biggest plant in the garden, with branches big enough to hold the birds' nests.

From one tiny seed comes a huge plant that provides hope, shelter, and care. That is what God's love is like. Once God's love is planted in our hearts, it doesn't stop growing. At first it seems as if nothing is happening, then suddenly we see it at work. We can see God's love growing, bringing hope, shelter, and care to each person.

Use the key to decode the message.

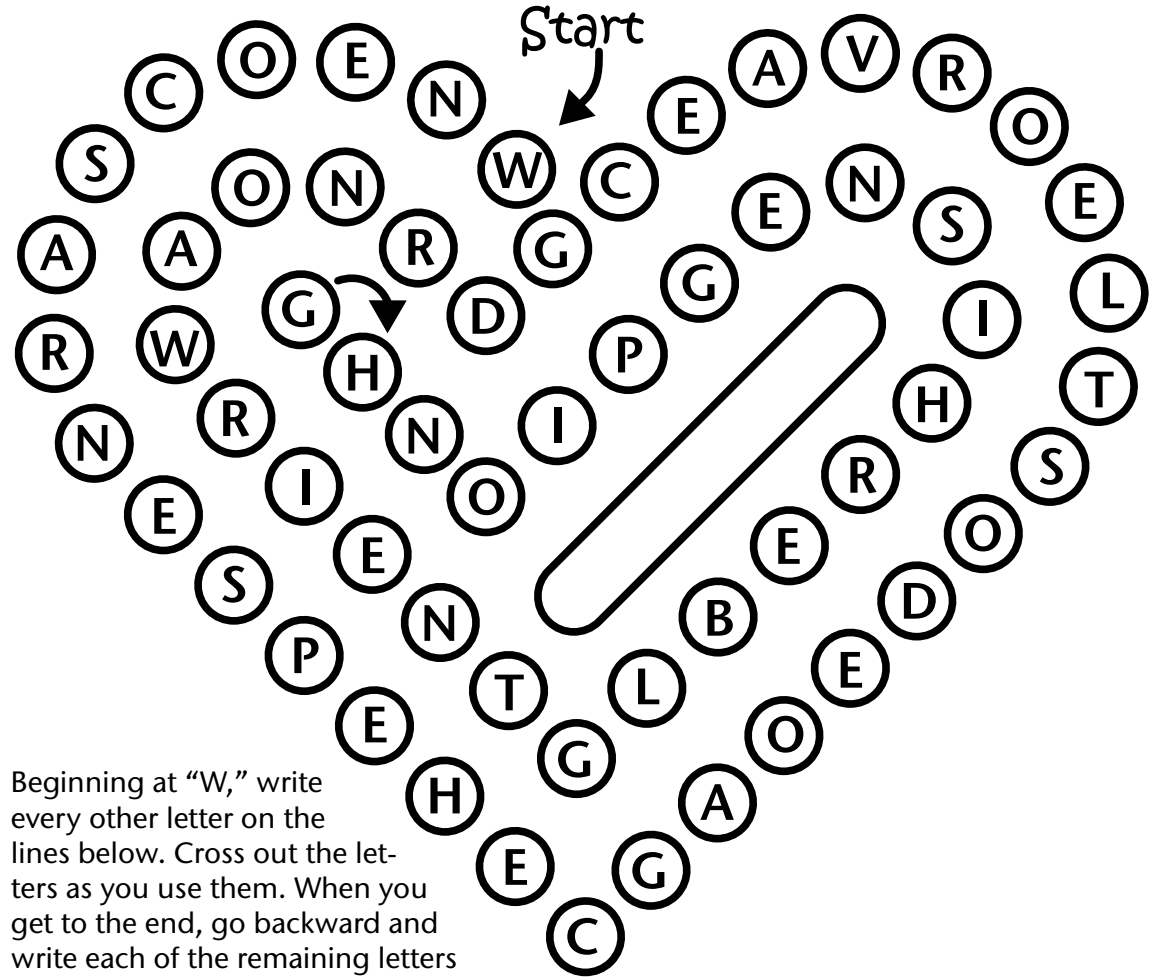
								
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