

Draw & Color

Color in the angry Pharisees.

They didn't like the way Jesus kept changing the rules!



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Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,

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Jesus Changes the Rules (Again!)

The Pharisees and the scribes didn't like Jesus very much—he said all kinds of new things about God, which scared them. He and his friends didn't follow all the rules they did. Jesus even said it was okay to break the rules in order to take care of other people!

One day the Pharisees and scribes complained because Jesus' friends didn't follow the laws about hand-washing before they ate. They said that breaking those laws made Jesus' friends bad.

Jesus disagreed. "Nothing that you put into your mouth or any rule you follow about it can make you a bad person. It's only what comes out of your mouth and heart that shows where you are doing things against God. Mean words, selfish actions, hurting others—these are the things that we all need to work to change. They are much, much more important than following rules about washing your hands before you eat!"

Once again, Jesus changed the rules the Pharisees and scribes were used to. They were angrier (and more afraid) than ever at him!



REMEMBER THIS

JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Lots of people were afraid of Jesus because he taught new ways of understanding God.

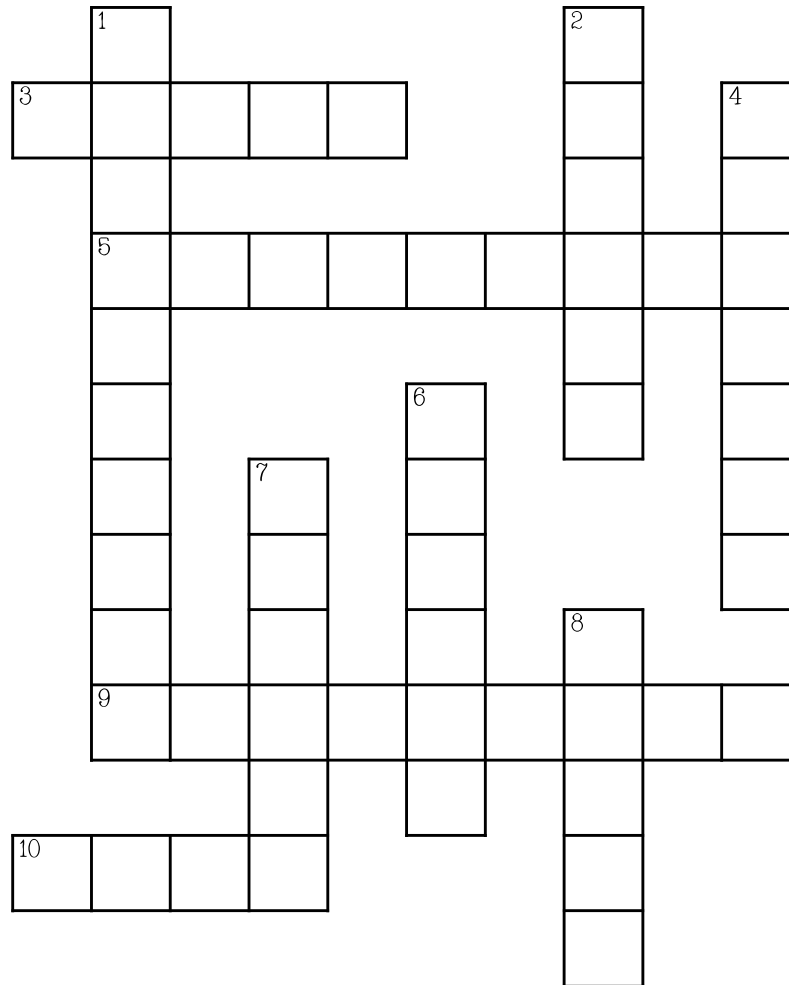
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Use the story on the first page to help you complete the puzzle below.

One day the **[5 ACROSS]** and scribes **[1 DOWN]** because Jesus' friends didn't follow the laws about hand-**[4 DOWN]** before they ate. They said breaking those laws made Jesus' friends bad.

Jesus **[9 ACROSS]**. "Nothing that you put into your **[3 ACROSS]** can make you a bad **[7 DOWN]**. It's only what comes out of your mouth and **[8 DOWN]** that shows where you are doing things against God.

[10 ACROSS] words, selfish actions, hurting **[2 DOWN]**—these are the things that we need to work to **[6 DOWN]**."



Did You Know?

Saying good things has lots of power! Every time you see someone doing something good, tell them. It may help them feel better about themselves.



TRY IT AT HOME!

Practice good hand-washing. Wash your hands with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.