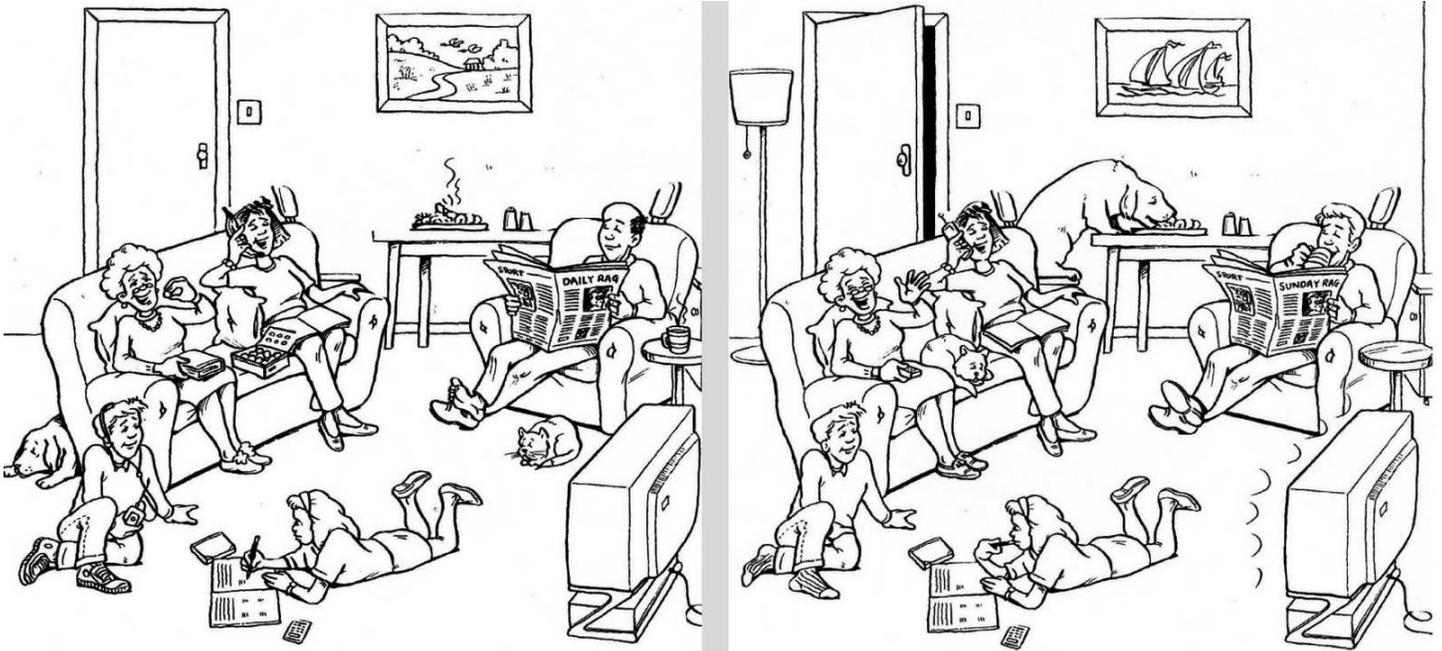


Family Devotional

From March 26, 2017

Play: Work together as a team to find the differences in these two pictures.



Use those same detective skills and see if you can answer the following questions from this week's passage.
Hint: you might have to look through the verses surrounding the core verses listed below.

Read: Mark 13:32-37

Reflect:

- Who is speaking in this passage? Mark 13:5
- Who is he speaking to? Mark 13:3
- What is the main topic the speaker is talking about in this chapter?
- Jesus tells a little story to help explain what He is talking about. In the story who do you think the man going on a journey represents?
- Who do the servants represent?
- What kind of tasks has Jesus assigned Christians to do?
- In verse 36, Jesus says "If He comes suddenly do not let him find you sleeping." Do you think Jesus is saying we should never sleep?
- When someone is sleeping are they able to work? Are they aware of what is going on around them?

When Jesus is saying, "Do not let Him find you sleeping," He is not referring to natural sleep, but spiritual sleep or laziness. When parents or teachers give us a task to do it is easy to think, "Oh I'll do that later," and if they have given us a deadline we might even wait until the last minute. There becomes a sense of urgency when we don't know the deadline and do not want to miss it.

There are lots of things that compete for our attention and time, and they often feel more immediate, however Jesus is reminding us that God has given us an important job to do: to tell others about how much He loves them and wants them to know Him.

This job takes time and effort. It is another one of those important reasons we need each other. When we get tired or feel like giving up, we have Christian friends to encourage us, and we get to encourage them too!

Remember: Work together as a family to memorize/meditate on Mark 13:36-37 this week.

*"If He comes suddenly, do not let Him find you sleeping.
What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"*

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond: "Dear Jesus, thank you for going to prepare a place for us to be with you forever! Help us to remain awake and alert, telling others about you!.....Amen."