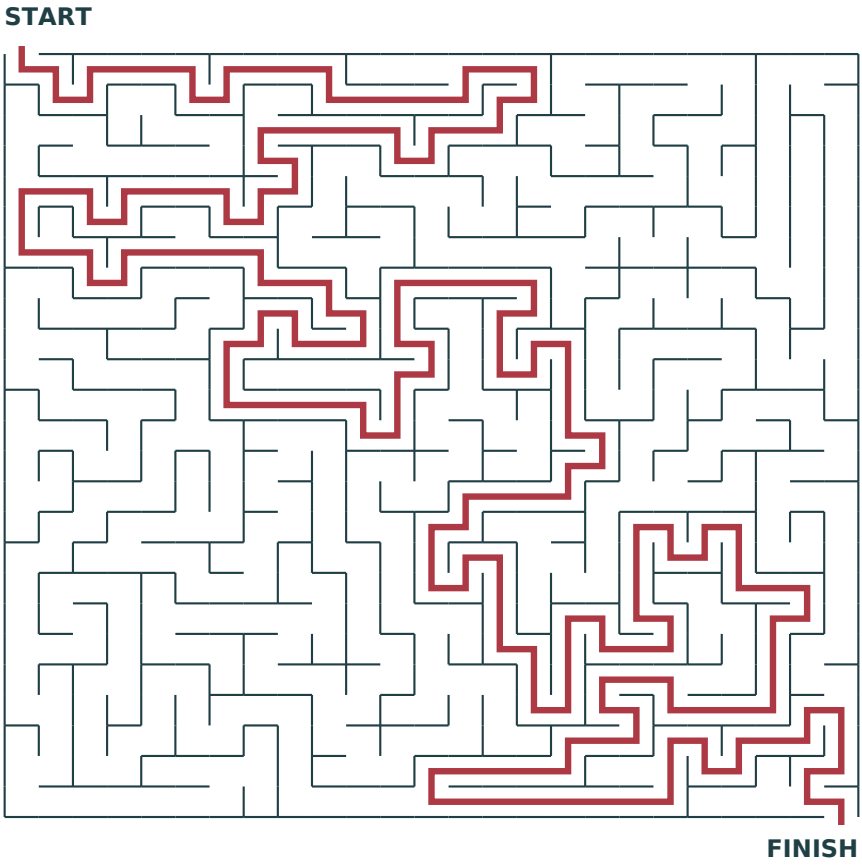
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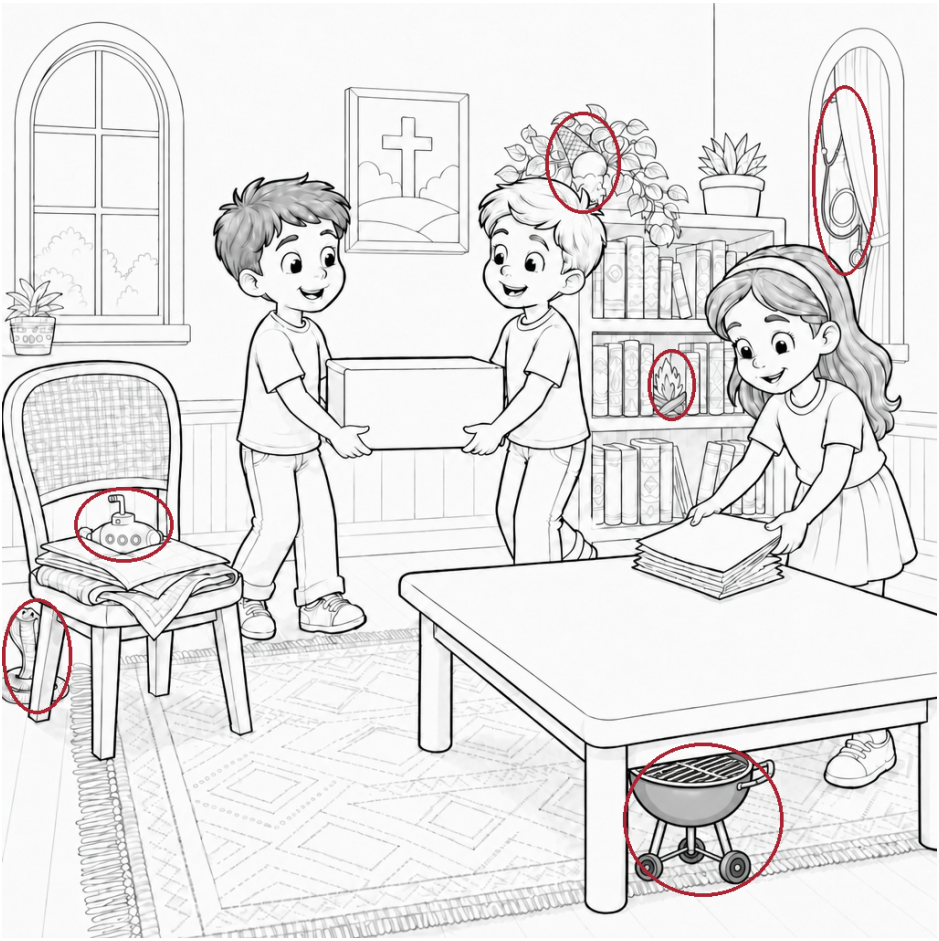
The children’s story is a fictional illustration. Read Matthew 23:1–12 together. Verses 1–4: words and deeds; 5–7: good deeds are not a show; 8–10: Christ is our Teacher and we are not above each other; 11–12: humble service. Invite children to examine their own actions, not condemn other people. Verses 8–10 do not forbid calling a parent “Dad” or a school teacher “teacher”; Jesus confronts the pursuit of honor and superiority. All have sinned (Romans 3:23); God forgives confessed sin (1 John 1:8–9). The honesty/hypocrisy contrast is an application, not a quotation from Matthew. Honesty means turning to Jesus in repentance and faith, not merely admitting a fact. Do not demand public disclosure of personal sins. A good deed being noticed is not itself hypocrisy; the issue is seeking glory for ourselves and concealing sin.

Page 1: books — 10 (6 on shelf, 3 held, 1 on floor); potted plants — 4; windows — 3; tables — 2; crayons — 9; shoes — 8 (4 pairs); erasers — 5; cookies — 7; coats — 6. Page 3: SERVE OTHERS. Page 4: top to bottom — 4, 1, 3, 2. Circle “servant”; underline “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled”. Drawing and personal response: open answers. Box: “whoever humbles himself will be exalted”.

Maze solution



Picture answer key



Six things that do not belong: cobra at lower left; melting ice cream floating in the air; campfire inside the bookshelf; submarine on the chair; grill under the table; stethoscope in the right window.