

# New Friends

Key Words: **Reward**

Key Verse: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." *Matthew 10:40*

Frank was very good at soccer. He was captain of the team and chief goal scorer. All of the players were very good friends.

They disliked the Western team. Frank threw a stone at the Western team once, but he didn't mean to hit anyone. They were shouting at each other and he just picked up a stone and threw it into the middle of the rival team. Since then, there had been some very nasty moments.

The coaches of the teams were good friends and knew nothing about the rivalry. They arranged a game expecting the boys to be delighted. Frank's coach had always said they must welcome *all* strangers to their home field, but Frank didn't know how he was going to welcome his enemies.

The day of the match was very hot. The Westerners brought a large crowd of fans. Frank was upset because his team had no fans at all. He wanted to win so convincingly that the Westerners were crushed. He set off furiously, the ball flew at his feet. He tore down the field and slammed the ball into the goal. It was the start of many goals. The Western goalie was small and didn't stand a chance against Frank's skill. Frank played like a one man team. The Western team was soon looking scared of him.

Just after halftime, something happened

to Frank. He felt weird, and his legs began to feel heavy. He was terribly tired and hot. He couldn't run well anymore. The Western team took advantage of his weakness, and soon the score was even. Frank was sad. Without him, his team was going to lose. He had given his all too soon, now he was exhausted and had nothing left to give.

Then a little Western fan ran out from the crowd and handed Frank a juice pack and an energy bar. It made all the difference. Frank's energy was back, he was his former self, but he realized how meanly he'd been playing. Throughout the rest of the game he played more as a team, and when he got to the goal he kicked the ball more gently toward the net. Frank's team won the match by one goal, but winning didn't seem to matter so much. As the two teams shared snacks together after the match, Frank discovered he no longer had enemies but quite a number of new friends.

## Questions

**Why did Frank think Western school was an enemy?**

**Who sent Jesus to be with us?**

# Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story is from **Matthew 10:40-42**



- 10. JESUS
- 9. DAUGHTER
- 6. FOLLOW
- 7. LIFE
- 5. MOTHER
- 4. RIGHTEOUS
- 1. PROPHETS
- 2. WELCOMES

Crossword Puzzle

Twisted Word Search  
 NONE 12 OF 43 THESE 45 1 WILL 66 1  
 LOSE 67 1 THEIR 69 1 REWARD 60 1  
 ~ abcdefghijkl  
 1 . . . . . ON . . . . .  
 2 . . . . . N . . . . .  
 3 E . . . . . O . . . . .  
 4 SWH . . . . . FE . . . . .  
 5 E I . . . . . T . . . . .  
 6 L L . . . . .  
 7 L O . . . . .  
 8 S . . . . .  
 9 E E T E . . . . .  
 10 W R H I . . . . .  
 1 A R . . . . .  
 2 R D . . . . .  
 3 . . . . .

## Answers

## Twisted Word Search

Find each of the words in the verse in the puzzle. If a word appears more than once, you must find it more than once. Remember, words in a twisted word search **DO NOT** always go in a straight line! One word has been done for you.

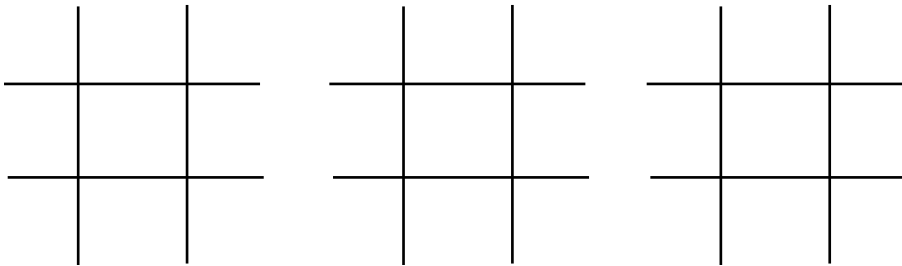
Matthew 10:40-42

“NONE OF THESE WILL LOSE THEIR REWARD.”

J	D	U	P	I	R	D	O	P	L	J	O
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S	W	H	R	F	E	R	U	I	P	X	Q
E	I	Q	T	X	U	D	I	R	I	G	H
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W	R	H	I	F	P	G	W	G	T	E	Y
A	W	R	I	X	N	Q	U	I	S	X	L
R	D	L	N	Q	R	H	B	C	M	O	M
H	D	W	R	D	N	B	J	X	A	Y	M

## Tic-Tac-Toe

Play with a friend.



## Crossword Puzzle

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel story. Read the clues. Then fill in the squares below with the answers to the questions.

**Across**

- Whoever \_\_\_\_ you, does me also
- Take up this
- \_\_\_\_ and father
- \_\_\_\_ me
- Son or \_\_\_\_
- Love him the most

**Down**

- Receive a \_\_\_\_ reward
- Whoever welcomes a \_\_\_\_ person
- Lose this for Jesus' sake
- Give this to little ones