

Terry's Dream

Key Words: **Fantasy**

Key Verse: "He told them another parable 'The Kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'" *Matthew 13:33*

Terry had a dream that she was on a desert island all by herself. The sun was shining, the sea was crystal blue, and there was white sand. Terry had a little house made out of driftwood, branches, reeds, and leaves, and she was very happy there. Lots of little animals kept her company. There was plenty of food on the island, and Terry enjoyed new, exotic fruits. Her island was a place of peace and tranquility. Terry could be herself and do anything she liked, away from adults who told her what to do all the time, and children who made her miserable. Terry dreamed this same dream over and over.

One night, a nice man appeared in Terry's dream. Terry was furious. He looked nice, but Terry was too angry to give him a chance. "Get out! Get out!" she screamed. The man looked at her with eyes full of love. "You know you're living in a dream world, don't you?" he asked gently. Terry didn't want to be reminded of that. The man put his hands on her shoulders and turned her to face him. Terry had never felt a touch so full of warmth, love, and healing. Then she remembered that this was *her* dream and *her* island and she didn't want anybody else. "I don't want you," she said. "I don't need you. Go away, you're spoiling my dream."

But the man didn't go away, and despite her bad behavior, his eyes were full of love. "I'll go if you wish," he said, "but this is only a dream. I can show you a life where you will become just as happy as now, but it will be real." Terry shouted, "I know what real life is like, and it can never be this good. I want to move to an island like this and live there all my life."

The man smiled. "Real life is often hard," he agreed, "but if you want to find paradise in the real world, I can help you. You will find a new and amazing life, that is real. You will discover strength and you'll learn to be the real 'you' that you keep hidden now."

Terry frowned, "That's too hard, I couldn't." The man held out his hand. "I will help you," he said. "I promise to stay with you until you find the kingdom of God for yourself." Terry looked into his eyes and felt in his love. She reached out and walked away from her fantasy island.

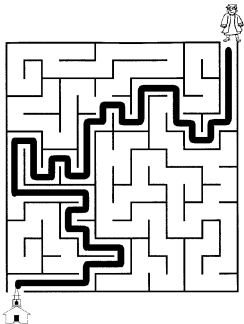
Questions

Would you like to live on an island all by yourself?

What happens when you plant a small seed, or put yeast into bread dough?

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Maze

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Twisted Word Search

The kingdom of heaven is
like treasure hidden in a field.

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