

Praxis Begins To Understand

Key Word: Accepted

Key Verse: And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown."
 Luke 4:24

A prophet is without honor in his own country, which is why Jesus was unable to heal or perform many miracles in his own village. This is a story about Praxis, the colorful pixie, to illustrate that.

"When I was young," began the Wise Old Pixie, "I was like you, Praxis. My skin changed color according to my moods, so everybody was aware of what I was thinking and feeling. That can be rather uncomfortable."

Praxis nodded. He knew exactly what that felt like. "You mean you haven't always been this lovely radiant white? I love the way you shimmer with light."

The Wise Old Pixie laughed. "You see me like this, Praxis, but you should see me when I go home! Then my white fades and you wouldn't be able to pick me out from any other pixie."

Praxis frowned. "But that means —" The Wise Old Pixie finished for him. "It means that I still feel unsure of myself when I go home, and perhaps I always will. It's like this, Praxis. Pixies in other villages see me for who I really am. They know I can heal, because they've brought sick people to me who have been healed. They know I can listen to their problems and difficulties, and help them out. They like to listen to my stories, and everyone runs out to greet me when they know I'm coming. But in my own village all

they can see is the young pixie they grew up with." He leaned towards Praxis. "I'm afraid they remember some of my pranks, especially the times when I was bright red with shame or pale blue with despair."

Praxis' eyes grew wide. He couldn't imagine the Wise Old Pixie had ever been like him, always in trouble.

Suddenly Praxis began to understand. Whatever happened when he grew up, even if he became as wise as the Wise Old Pixie, pixies in his own village would still see him as Praxis, the colorful pixie who was always getting into mischief.

For a moment he felt a little blue, but then he cheered up. Somehow he knew that there were great things out there beyond the village, and that one day he would be part of them. And that was such a good thought that he turned bright, shocking pink for a whole hour.

Questions

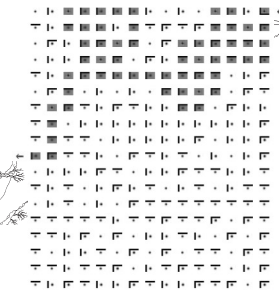
In the story, why did the Wise Old Pixie's radiant white color fade when he went home to his own hometown?

Why were the people "filled with rage" (v. 28) when Jesus spoke to them in the synagogue?



Today's Gospel Story
 is from
Luke 4:21-30

Gospel Grams



Anti-Maze

Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

Cryptogram

- Some possible words are:
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Answers

Boggle

How many words can you make with this table of letters? Form words by using letters that touch. Words can go forward, backward, diagonal, up, or down. Each letter tile can only be used once per word.

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Cryptogram

Below is a verse from today's Gospel story. In the code, each letter is substituted for another. Use the letter patterns and trial and error to help you figure out this puzzle. Can you decipher this message? Three letters have been done for you.

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Anti-Maze

In today's Gospel story, Luke 4:21-30, Jesus was taken to the top of the hill to be thrown off, but Jesus walked through the middle of the crowd and went on his way. Travel with Jesus through this maze going from dot to dot through the walls ONLY to get through the crowd. Do not travel diagonally. The path has been started for you.

