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¹Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. ³So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

⁴When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

⁷Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

⁸"But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?"

⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. ¹⁰It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light."

¹¹After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

¹²His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

¹⁴So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

¹⁶Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

²⁸And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." ²⁹When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³²When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴"Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵Jesus wept.

³⁶Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

³⁹"Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did Jesus allow Lazarus to die? (Verse 4)
5		2.) What did Jesus do in the story that was a miracle?
5		3.) Why did Jesus cry?
5		4.) What do you think the memory verse means?

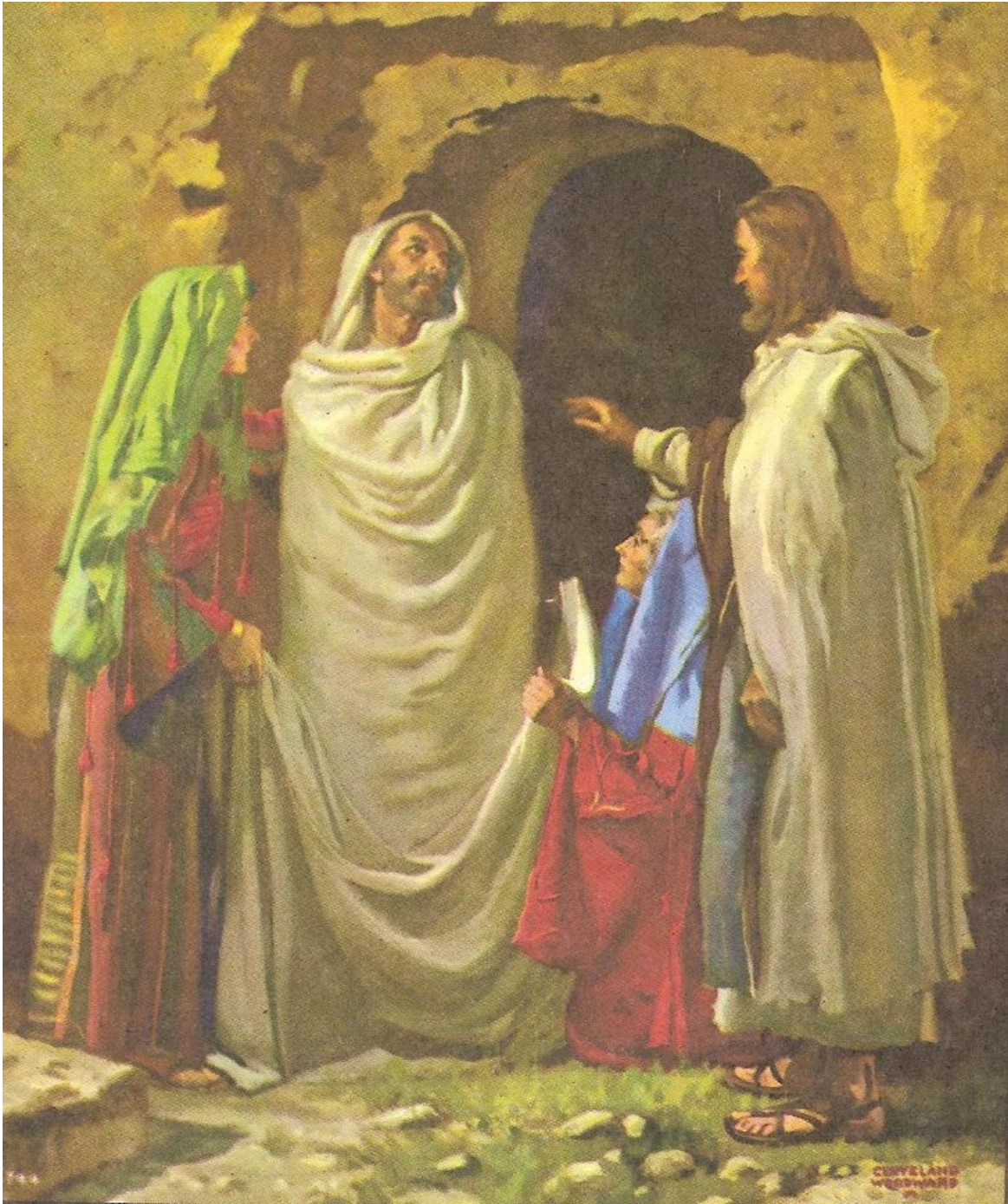
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.'" John 11:25

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE __/__/__

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Jesus tells Lazarus to come out of the grave

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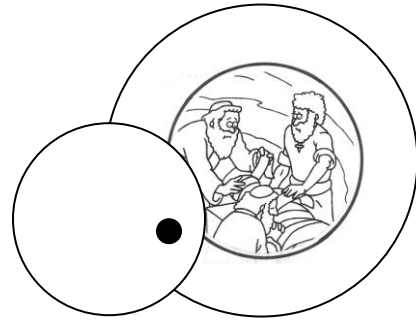
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: TOMBS

Students will make tombs to remind them that Jesus brought Lazarus out of the tomb alive!

MATERIALS

1. White Copy Paper
2. Paper Plates
3. Paper Clips
4. Tomb Pattern
5. Crayons or Markers
6. Paper Fasteners
7. Glue
8. Scissors
9. Hole Punch
10. Green Easter Grass
11. Stapler (optional)



DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the “Tomb Pattern” for each student.
2. Cut out the center circle of a paper plate. Set circle aside. This will become the boulder for the tomb (see figure a).
3. Have students color the picture of the people unwrapping Lazarus’ strips of linen. Have them color the paper plate with the hole in it and the cut-out circle brown (see figure b).
4. Glue Easter Grass to the bottom third of the plate (see figure b).
5. Glue the picture to the plate that is whole. Glue both plates together. Use paper clips to hold the plates together (see figure c). Optional: Use a stapler to faster the plates together.
6. Punch holes in the top plate and the “boulder”. Fasten the boulder to the top plate (see figure d).

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are making their “tombs”, remind them that the raising of Lazarus from the dead was not only a miracle, but also a lesson that Jesus gives life to those who are spiritually dead. When we receive Christ as our savior, we have new life in Him.

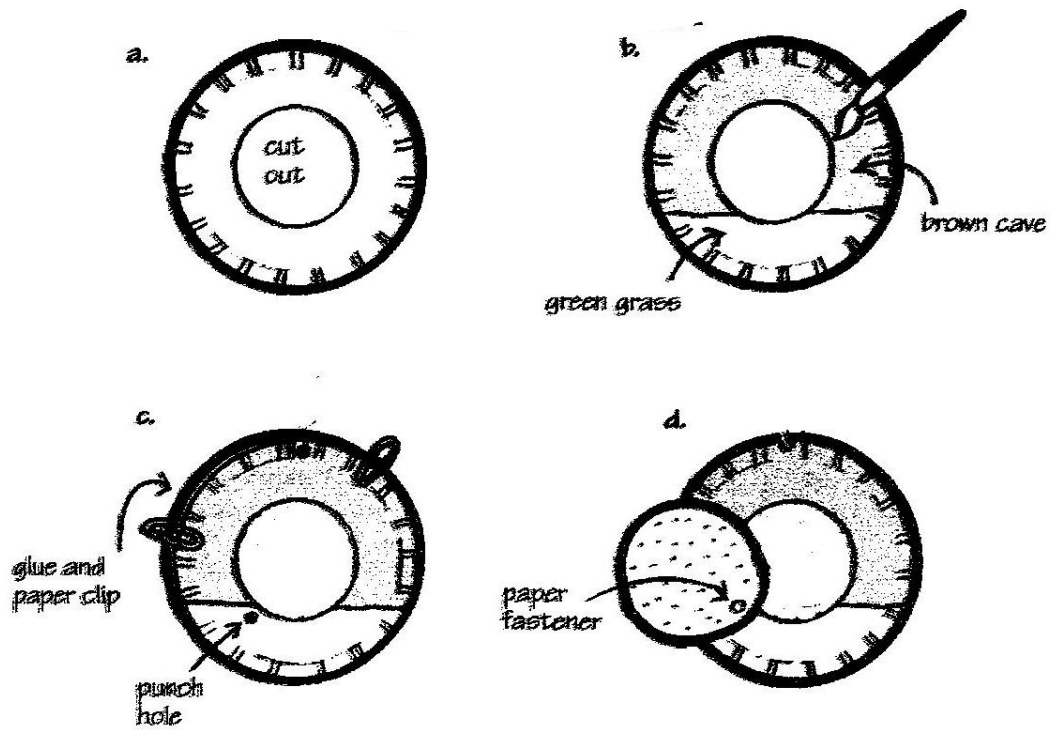
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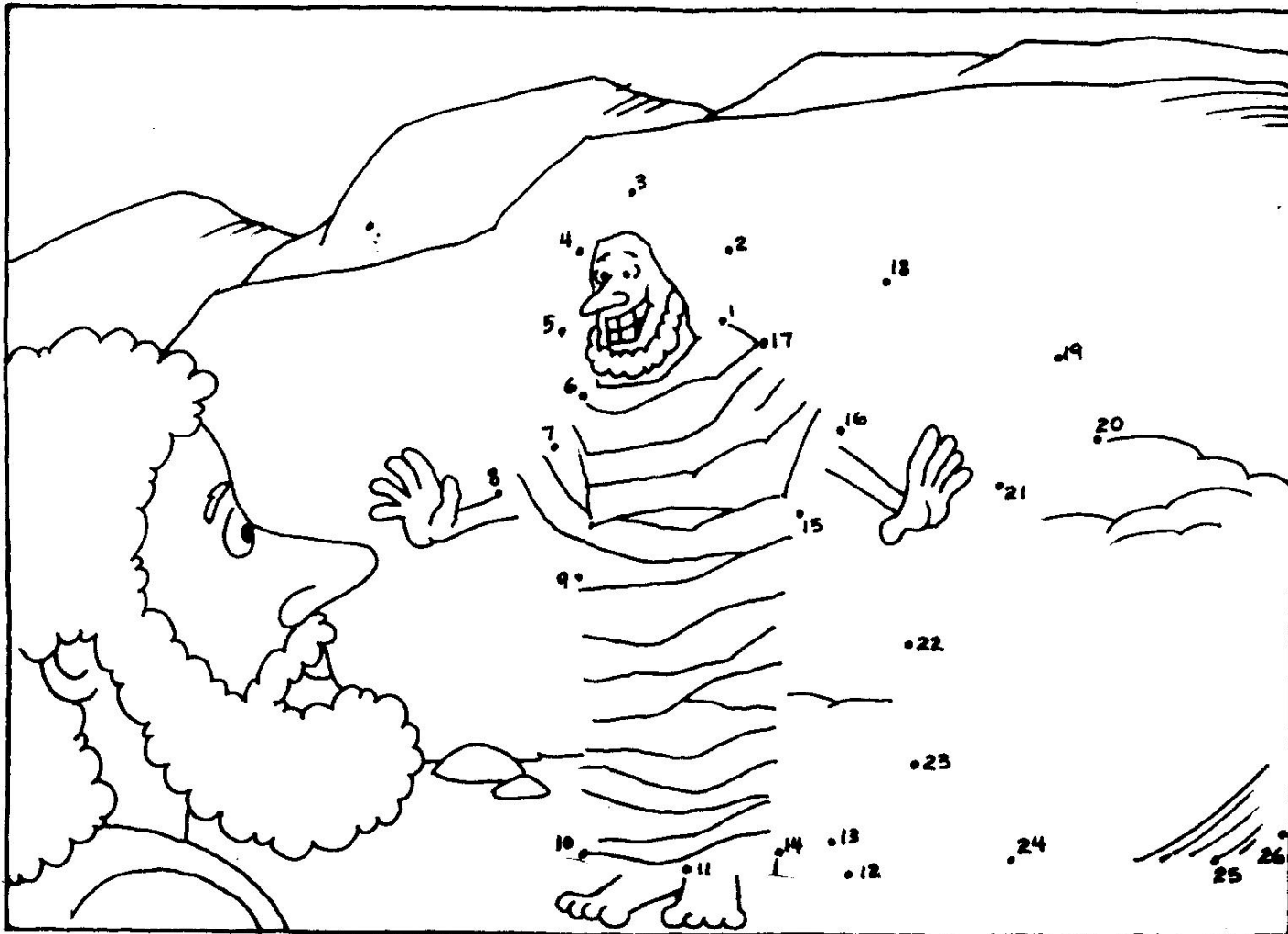
TOMB PATTERN



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Connect the dots to finish this picture.



Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were close friends of Jesus. When Lazarus got very sick, his sisters sent for Jesus. But Jesus didn't go to Bethany right away. He waited until Lazarus was dead. Then he went to Bethany and told Mary and Martha to trust him. He went to the tomb and raised Lazarus from the dead.

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The story of Lazarus is one of the most exciting in the Bible! Fit all the bold words from the story into the grid below. All the vowels are already in place to help you. Then go from top to bottom and take the letters in the shaded boxes to find out what Jesus said to Lazarus when Lazarus was dead and buried.

There was a man named Lazarus who was sick. He lived in the town of **Bethany**, where Mary and her **sister** Martha lived. **Mary** and Martha sent someone to tell Jesus, "**Lord**, the one you love is sick."

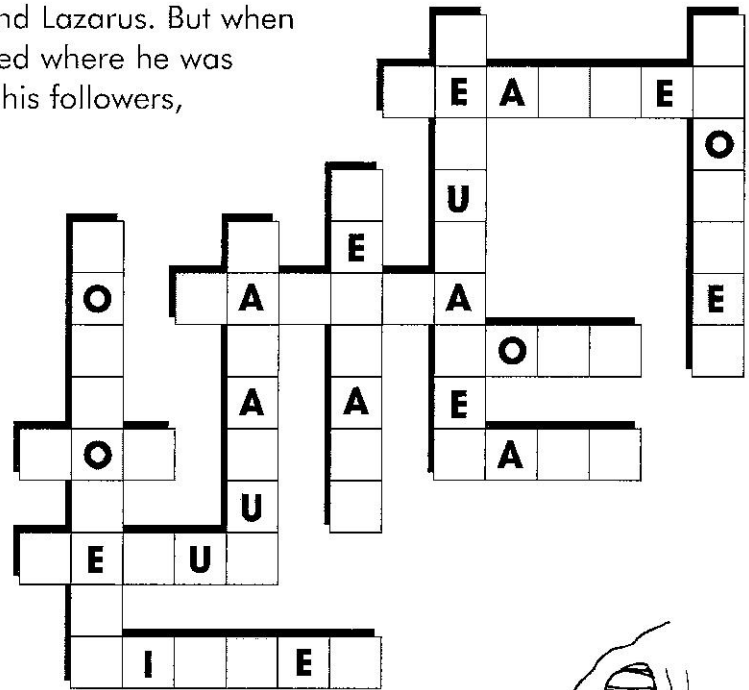
Jesus loved **Martha** and her sister and Lazarus. But when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days. Then **Jesus** said to his followers, "Let us go back to Judea."

The **followers** said, "But **Teacher**, the Jews there tried to kill you. Now you want to go back there?" Jesus said, "**Lazarus** is dead. But let us go to him now."

Bethany was about two miles from **Jerusalem**. Martha heard that Jesus was coming, and she went out to meet him. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my **brother** would not have died. But I know that even now **God** will give you anything you ask."

Jesus felt very sad in his heart. He came to the tomb. Jesus said, "Move the stone away." After Jesus said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus,

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There was a man named Lazarus who had two sisters named Mary and Martha. Lazarus was very sick. Mary and Martha sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was very

sick.

Jesus told the sisters that his sickness would not end in death. Jesus was going to perform a miracle to bring glory to God. Later, Lazarus did die.

Jesus traveled with his disciples to the tomb of Lazarus. Lazarus had been dead now for four days.

On the way to the tomb, Martha met up with Jesus. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

Jesus told Martha, "Your brother will rise again. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."

When Jesus arrived at the tomb, he cried. Jesus loved Lazarus very much. The stone was rolled away and Jesus said, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus came out of the tomb alive!

For more details, please read John 11:1-44 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

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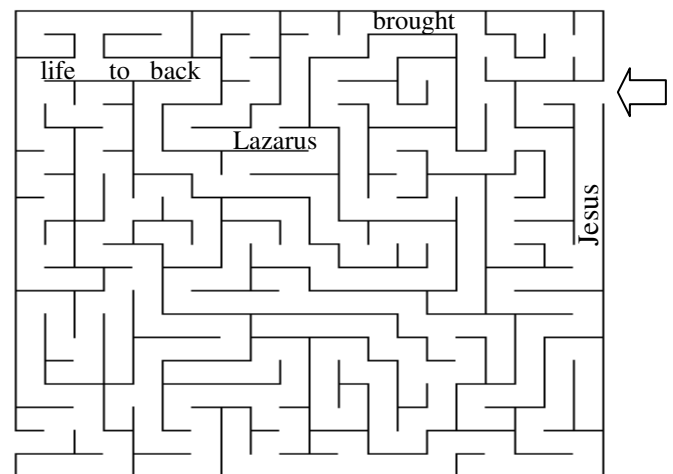
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MAZE MESSAGE

Write down each word as you come to it to find the hidden message.



Hidden message: _____
