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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

TWO BUNNIES AND A BEAR



Land: DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, USA

Square: FOREST GREEN

Candy: GUMMY BEAR



Ah, what a beautiful day for a walk...and a snack. By the time I make it around this game board, I think I am going to have gained a lot of weight! I wonder...are those gummy bears as tasty as they look?



(Giggling) Come back, Carmel! Meowy won't hurt you, I promise. Meowy's a nice cat.

Louie: Well, hello, there! Who might you be?

Gummy Bear: Hi, I'm Isaiah Gray. I'm almost six, and I'm going to be in first grade next year.

Louie: Nice to meet you, Isaiah! Are these adorable bunnies yours?

Gummy Bear: They sure are! Want to hold Carmel or Cookie?

Louie: Oh, it's so soft! I'm guessing you like animals.

Gummy Bear: I do. I think Noah must have had the best job ever taking care of all those animals on the ark.

Louie: God must have had fun, too, when He designed giraffes, elephants, flamingos, butterflies...

Gummy Bear: ...and kittens and bunnies!

Louie: Yes! All are SO different and special.

Gummy Bear: Just like people.

Louie: You are exactly right, Isaiah. Each person is unique and special. No two are alike.

Gummy Bear: And God loves them ALL. You know, that's why Jesus came at Christmas. The Christmas story is my favorite.

Louie: Mine too. And that's the message your family is sharing with the Muslim people of Dearborn, isn't it?

Gummy Bear: Yes! Hey, Louie, while you are here, would you finish reading this book to me? It's one of my favorites. Mommy started it but had to go take care of my little brother. She stopped on this page.

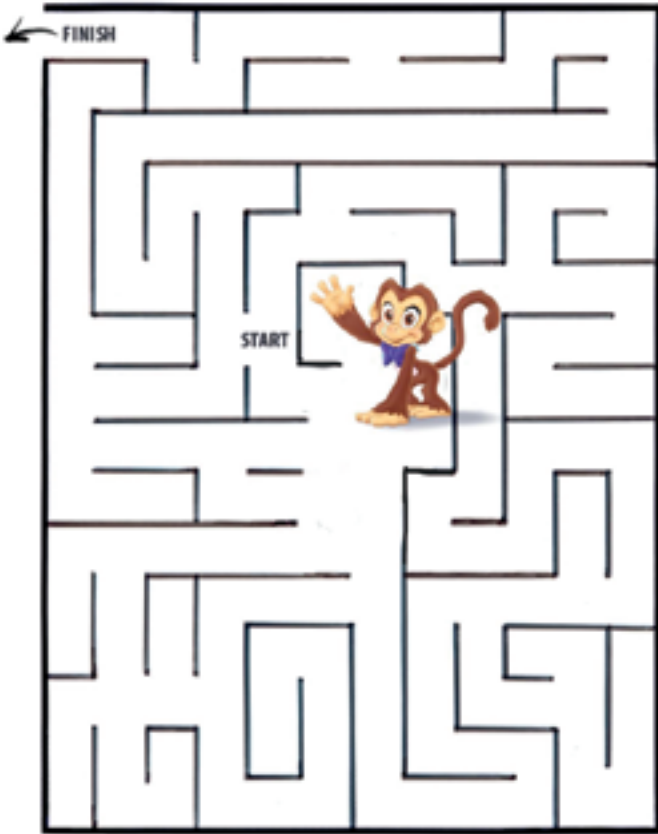
Louie: Sure thing! Let's start here where Basil Bear says, "I helped him because I thought about whose bear I am, whose name I have, and I didn't want you to be ashamed of me. So I lost the race." Wait...I think I need to start at the beginning to find out what happened!

Gummy Bear: Okay! And you can pet my cat Nutter while you read.



LOUIE'S MAZE

God asks some people to take the gospel message to far away places, but He asks all of us first to be missionaries in our towns, right where we live, play, and work. Can you help Louie find his way to the city park so he can share God's love?



NEXT PAGE:

Elijah and Isaiah Gray love learning about animals. Can you find the **22 different animals** in the picture?



MEMORY VERSE

Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in
Jerusalem, and in all Judaea...and unto
the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8



PARK CONNECTIONS

Land: DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, USA

Square: BRIGHT ORANGE

Candy: CIRCUS PEANUTS



Louie! Hey, Louie! I heard you were around. I'm Elijah, Isaiah's older brother. Do you want to go to the park with me? The swings are a good place to meet new friends.



Sure! I'd love to join you. Can we take snacks?

Peanut: Yes! I've got beef jerky in my pocket. You can swing first. I'll push you.

Louie: Are you strong enough to do that?

Peanut: I sure am! I'm strong like Samson. See my muscles?

Louie: I do. Wow! But I hope you haven't set any foxes' tails on fire recently like Samson did.

Peanut: Ha, ha! No, I haven't. I like animals. We learn about them in school. Did you know I just finished first grade? Mom teaches us.

Louie: Do you have a favorite subject?

Peanut: I really like my Discover Science book and learning about animals and other cool science stuff.

Louie: Do you come to the park a lot?

Peanut: We do, and I love it! It's a great place to talk to people who need Jesus. Isaiah and I play with the kids, and Mom talks to their mothers. They ask about our names—Elijah and Isaiah—sometimes. That means we get to talk about the Bible.

Louie: Do you get nervous making these new friends?

Peanut: Not really. See, Muslim people are different from us, yes. But they also really love their families and want to know God. We want to make friends with them so we can tell them who Jesus really is.

Louie: Do you like living here among the Arabic people?

Peanut: Yes! It's my home, and I love it. And Arabic food is awesome!

Louie: Good food is perfect for a growing young man. Your turn to swing. I'll push.

Peanut: Sure! Thank you. But first...can we go invite that boy over there to join us? I think he could use a friend.

Louie: We sure can. Good idea, little missionary! Why don't we start by asking him his name?

Peanut: And then maybe about HIS favorite subject in school?

Louie: Perfect. Let's go!





Louie's treehouse Lain



Culture Curiosity

Do ALL your friends look just like you? Do ALL your neighbors go to your church? Do ALL your schoolmates have the same kind of family traditions you have? When we meet someone from a different country or culture, showing interest in the things that make them unique is a way to connect and show we care.

Try it! Ask about holiday traditions, try new foods, or listen to some of the stories your friends tell that are different from your own. Celebrate together the things that make each of you special.



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