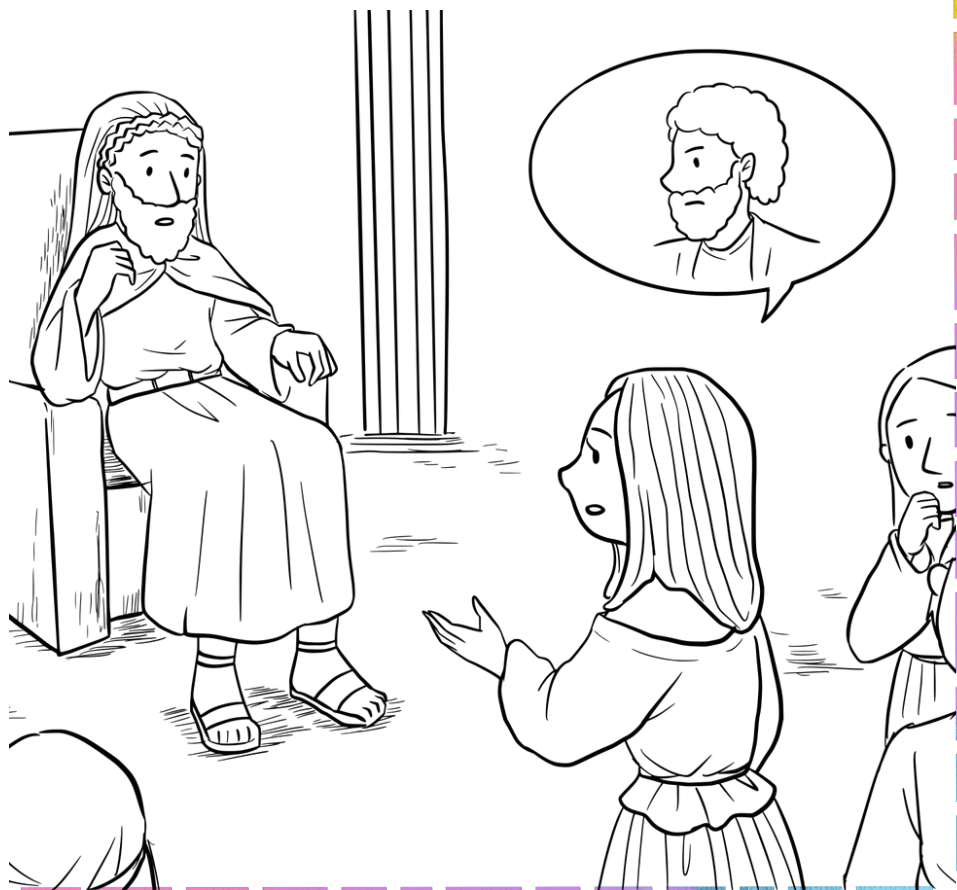


## Draw & Color

Color the picture of King Herod's wife complaining about John the Baptist.



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# KidStuff

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Mark 6:14-29

## John the Baptist Dies

John the Baptist scared a lot of people. He had new and different and exciting words to share about God. He told everyone that Jesus was coming and that the whole world would change. Not everyone liked those ideas. John wasn't afraid to tell people they were doing wrong in God's eyes. One of the people he told was the king, Herod. Herod got so mad that he arrested John. At the same time, Herod knew that John was a holy man, and he didn't want anything truly bad to happen to him.

But one day, his wife, who hated John for the things John had said about her and the king, tricked Herod into calling for John's execution. So Herod killed John the Baptist. Jesus and his friends were so sad when they heard the news, because they had loved John so much.

Sometimes it can be dangerous and scary to tell the truth to people who are powerful. But John wasn't afraid. And with God's help, we don't have to be afraid to tell the truth either.



### REMEMBER THIS

#### TELLING THE TRUTH

Some people don't want to hear the truth because they might have to change their ways to do what's right.



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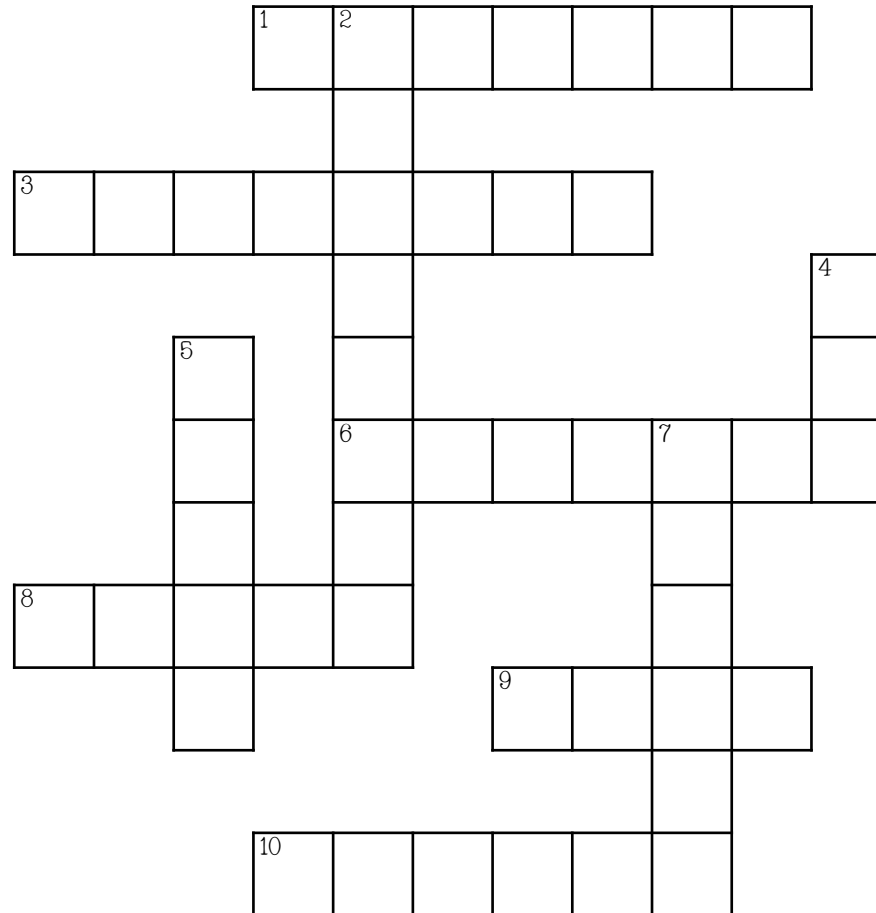
Use the story on the first page to complete the puzzle below.

John the **[1 ACROSS]** told King **[8 ACROSS]** that he had done a bad thing. Herod got so mad that he **[2 DOWN]** John. Herod knew that John was a holy man, and didn't want to hurt him.

But Herod's wife **[6 ACROSS]** Herod into calling for John's execution. So John the Baptist was **[7 DOWN]**.

Jesus and his friends were so **[4 DOWN]** when they heard the news. It can be **[5 DOWN]** to tell the truth to people who are **[3 ACROSS]**. But John wasn't **[10 ACROSS]**.

With God's **[9 ACROSS]**, we can tell the truth, too.



## Did You Know?

Scientists say that when you always try to tell the truth, you live a happier life overall. It's hard sometimes, isn't it?

## TRY IT AT HOME!

Think of a time you had to tell the truth even though it was very hard. Tell the story to a friend. Ask them to share their own story.