

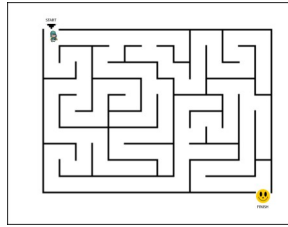
## Object Lesson – Thy will be done

**Point:** In the Lord’s prayer and as He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, “Thy will be done.” Jesus chose to do what God wanted Him to do. We should too! We should do what God wants us to do.

**Bible verses:** Matthew 6:(9-10) “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” And Matthew 26:39 “Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

**Objects:** a simple maze copied on card stock paper, page protector, paper clip, magnet

**Set-up:** Put the copy of the maze into the page protector. Put a magnet (loose) in the page protector on top of the maze then tape the top of the page protector. Prepare one for each child or for a few children to come up and demonstrate.



### Object lesson talk:

I have a challenge for you.

*(Option 1)* I need a couple volunteers. (choose a couple) Here is a maze for each of you.

*(Option 2)* Here is a maze for each of you.

Without touching the paper clip, make it go through the maze between the correct lines from start to finish.

That’s an easy maze. Was it easy to do? (No the clip kept sliding the wrong way or too far.)

Maybe this will help you. (Give each a magnet.) Can use this to make the clip go the right way?

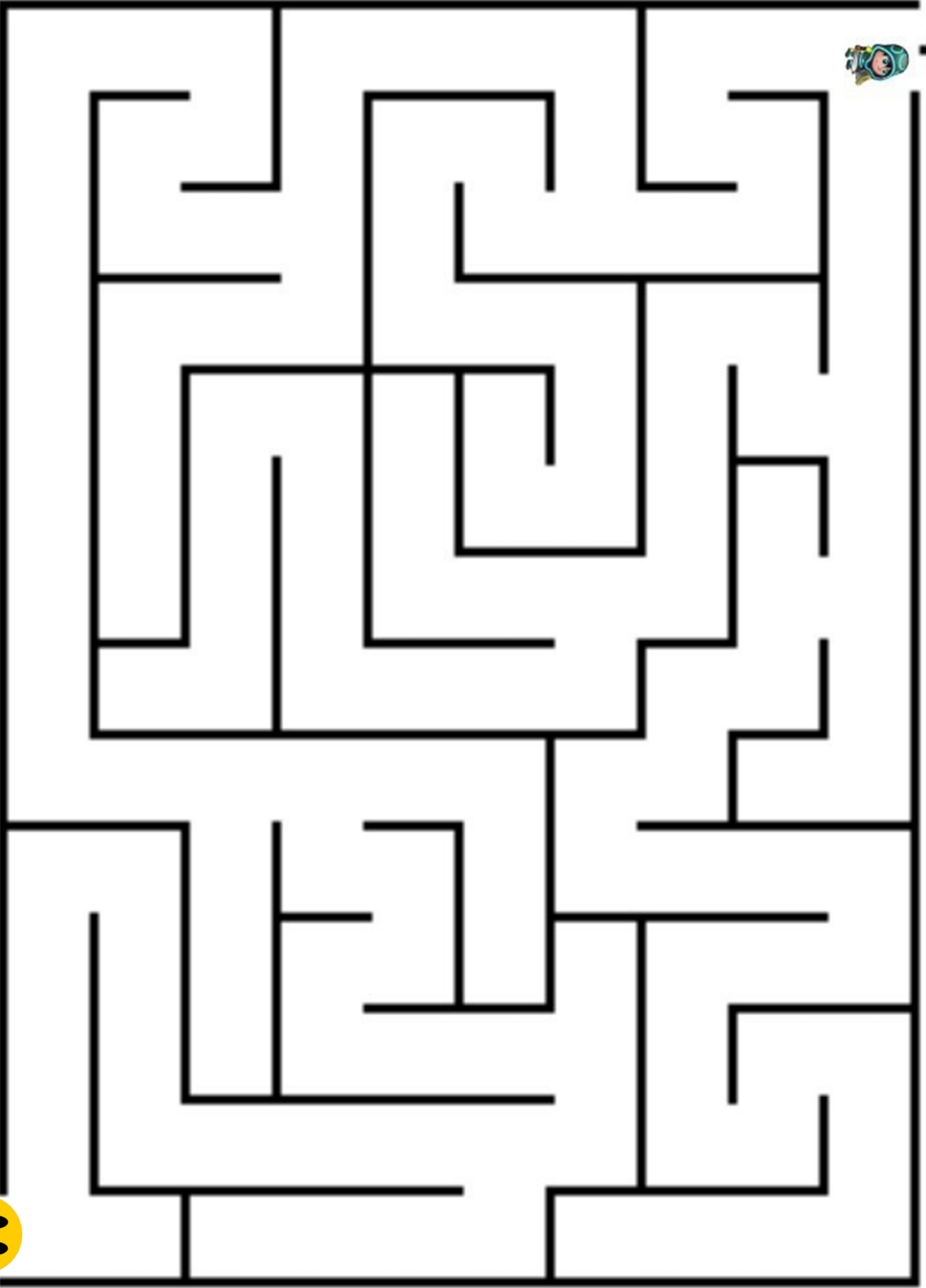
The magnet represents God. The clip is connected to the magnet like we should stay connected to God. God knows what is best for us. He knows the way to happiness. If we choose to stay connected to Him and let Him direct us, we are doing His will. Another way to say that is that we are going where He wants us to go and doing what He wants us to do. We are doing His will.

Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane just before He was going to die on the cross. He prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Even though it would hurt and be a really hard thing to do, Jesus wanted to do what God wanted. This is what He had come to earth to do.

Do you remember the Lord’s Prayer? Jesus taught us to pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” We should do God’s will just like the angels in heaven do God’s will. They are quick to obey Him and respect His decisions.

Do you want to respect and obey God by doing His will?

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