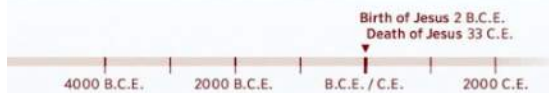


Sunday School Calendar 2023-2024 School Year

| First Semester <i>September - December 2023</i> | | Second Semester <i>January - May 2024</i> | |
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| Date | Lesson | Date | Lesson |
| | | Jan. 7 | Jesus Heals the Paralytic |
| | | Jan. 14 | The Daughter of Jairus |
| Sept. 10 | Zacharias | Jan. 21 | The Centurion's Servant |
| Sept. 17 | The Birth of Christ Announced | Jan. 28 | The Young Man from Nain |
| Sept. 24 | The Birth of Christ | Feb. 4 | The Sower and the Seed |
| Oct. 1 | The Wise Men / Flight to Egypt | Feb. 11 | The Feeding of the 5000 |
| Oct. 8 | The Boy Jesus in the Temple | Feb. 18 | Jesus Walks on the Water |
| Oct. 15 | John the Baptizer | Feb. 25 | The Woman of Canaan |
| Oct. 22 | The Temptation of Jesus | March 3 | The Transfiguration |
| Oct. 29 | Jesus' First Miracle | March 10 | The Unforgiving Servant |
| Nov. 5 | The First Disciples | March 17 | The Pharisee and the Publican |
| Nov. 12 | Jesus and Nicodemus | March 24 | Palm Sunday Breakfast |
| Nov. 19 | Jesus and the Samaritan Woman | March 31 | Easter movie |
| Nov. 26 | The Pool of Bethesda | Apr. 7 | Jesus and the Little Children |
| Dec. 3 | Christmas Eve Practice | Apr. 14 | The Good Samaritan |
| Dec. 10 | Christmas Eve Practice | Apr. 21 | Mary and Martha |
| Dec. 17 | Christmas Eve Practice | Apr. 28 | The Prodigal Son |
| Dec. 22 | Christmas Eve Practice | May 5 | The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve | May 12 | The Raising of Lazarus |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas Day | May 19 | The Parable of the Ten Virgins |
| Dec. 31 | <i>(No Sunday School)</i> | | |
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Israel During the Time of Jesus

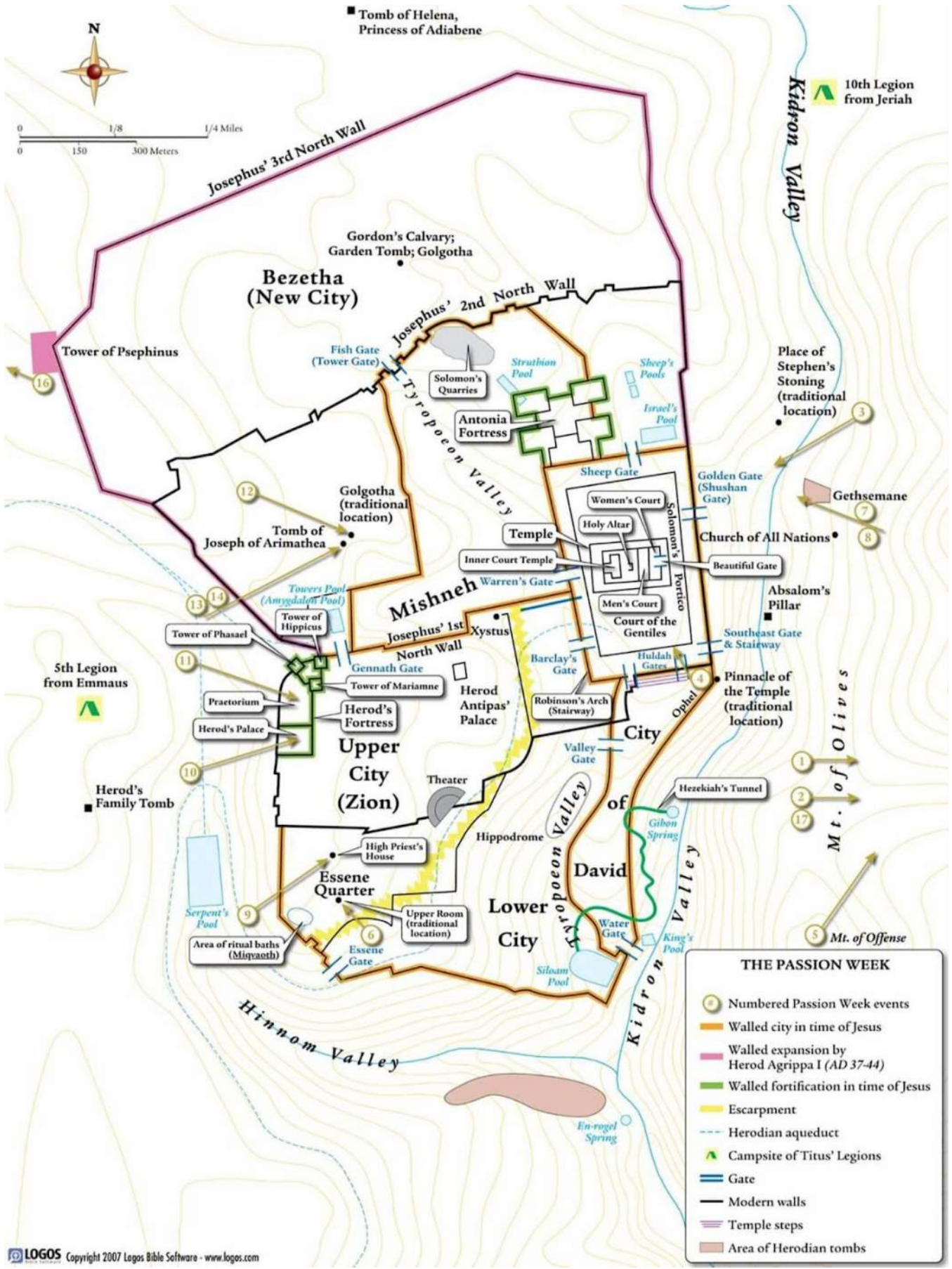


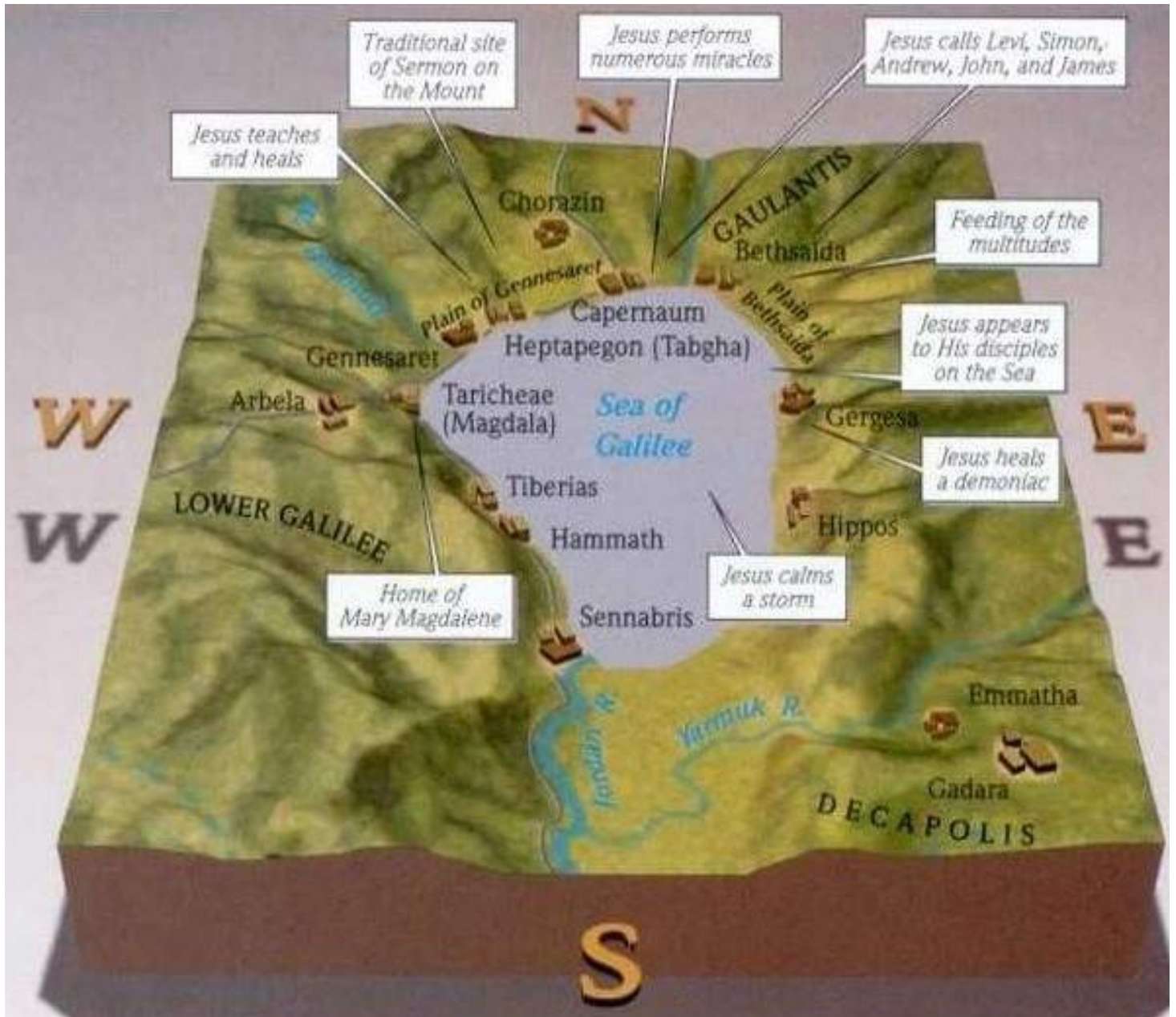
- Ruled by Herod Archelaus, later by Roman Governor Pontius Pilate
- Ruled by Herod Antipas
- Ruled by Philip
- Cities of the Decapolis





Galilean Ministry of Jesus





Zacharias and the Birth of John

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80



The Story

Have you ever made a promise to someone? Today's story is about a very important promise that God made to all people! Because of sin, all people need a Savior. God promised to send a special person to tell people about the coming Savior, Jesus.

In the city of Jerusalem there was a priest named Zacharias. He had a wife named Elizabeth, and they worshiped and loved God. But they were sad that they had no children. One day, Zacharias was doing his work in the church, when suddenly he saw an angel of the Lord! Zacharias was very scared, but the angel told him not to be afraid. The angel told him that God had heard his prayers and would send him a son! The angel also told him to name his son John.

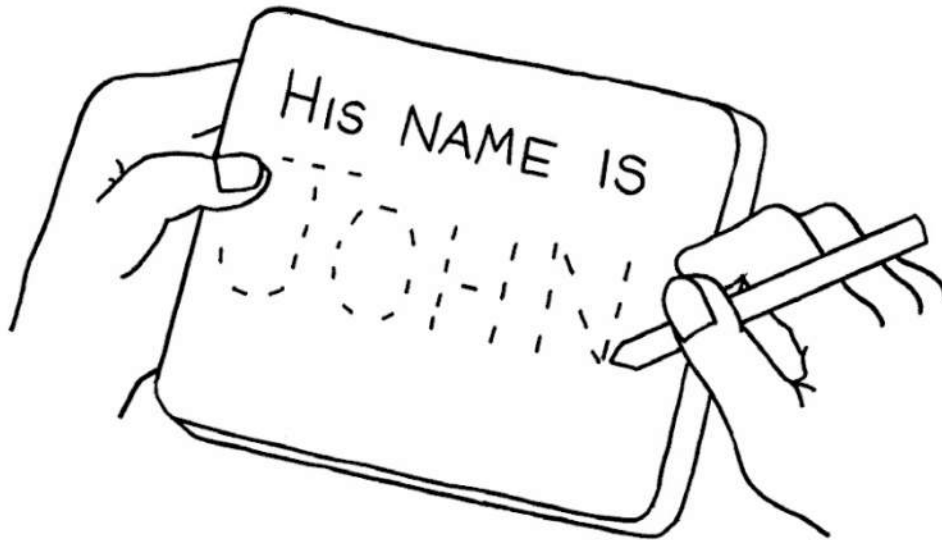
Zacharias wondered how this would happen since he was so old. The angel said to him, "God sent me to tell you this good news! Because you did not believe me, you will not be able to speak until the baby is

born." At that moment, Zacharias lost his voice and was not able to speak. Finally, the time came for Elizabeth to have the baby. Since it was a boy, all the friends and relatives wanted to name him Zacharias after his father. But Elizabeth told them his name would be John. So the relatives asked Zacharias what to call the baby. Because he could not talk, Zacharias wrote on a tablet "His name is John." Suddenly he was able to speak again! Zacharias thanked and praised God.

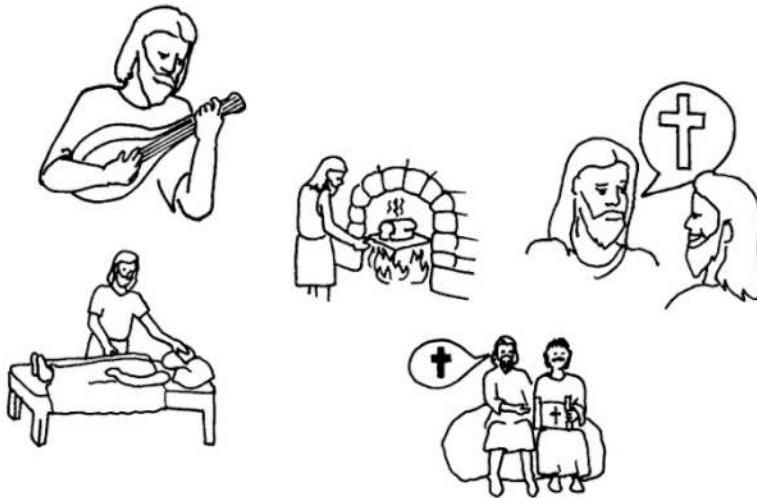
Everyone was amazed at the birth of John, for they knew that he was a special baby. Do you know why John was so special? The Lord chose him to prepare the way for Jesus. The people were excited because they knew that Jesus would be coming to save them from their sins! God kept His promise to send a special person to tell people about Jesus.

We are happy that God always keeps His promises to us.

Activity One - Trace the letters on Zacharias' tablet to show what the baby's name will be.



Activity Two - What special job did God give to John? Circle the picture that shows what John should do.



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always keeps His promises!

Activity Three- What special job did God give to You? Draw a picture that shows how you can be like John.

Passages

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Jesus said, "Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matthew 28:20

Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

We are happy You always keep Your promises. Thank You for sending John to tell people about You. Thank You for coming to die for our sins so we can be with You in heaven. Amen.

Announcing A Miracle Child

Luke 1:26-56; Matthew 1:18-25



The Story

We know that nothing is too hard for God to do. Today we will talk about a special miracle that reminds us how God can do anything!

While Zacharias and Elizabeth were waiting for John to be born, God sent another angel to deliver a message. The angel Gabriel visited a young lady named Mary. She was engaged to a man named Joseph. The angel had very good news for Mary. He told her that she would have a son and call His name Jesus.

Mary didn't understand how she could have a baby, since she did not yet have a husband. The angel told her that this baby Jesus would be the Son of God. He also told her about her relative Elizabeth. Even though Elizabeth and Zacharias were old, they were going to have a baby. There is nothing God cannot do!

After the angel left, Mary hurried to visit Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, John

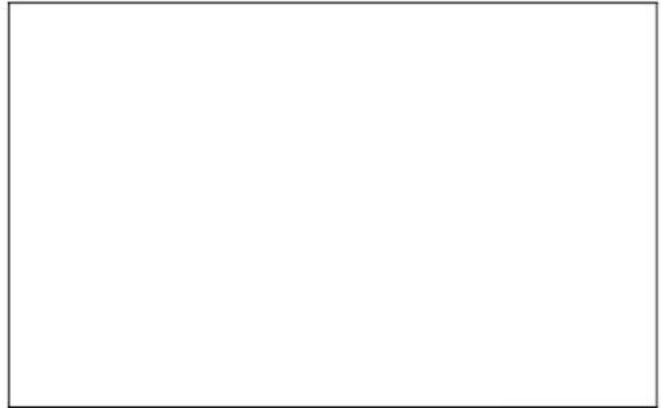
leaped for joy inside her womb. Mary was excited that Jesus, the Savior from sin, would be born. She sang a song praising God for all His blessings to her.

Now Joseph was a good man. When he heard that Mary was pregnant, he did not know that the baby was Jesus. He decided to send Mary away to have the baby instead of marrying her. But an angel came to him in a dream and told him not to worry. The angel said that Joseph should still get married, because the baby is the Son of God. The angel told Joseph that this baby was Jesus, who would save His people from their sins.

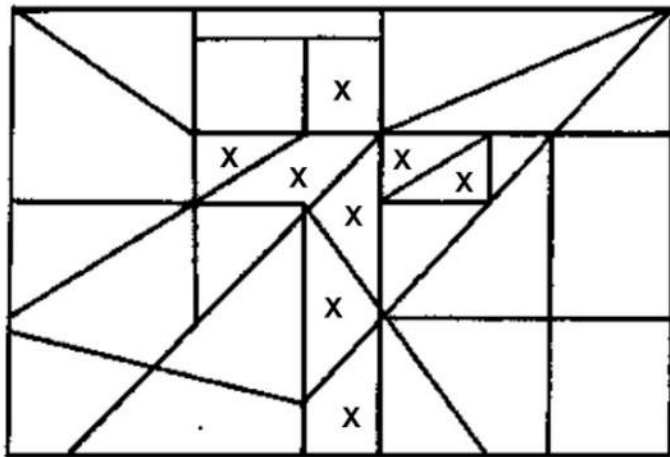
When Joseph woke up from the dream, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do. He took Mary home, married her, and took care of her. Joseph and Mary believed and trusted in God.

By faith we also believe and trust in God's promises.

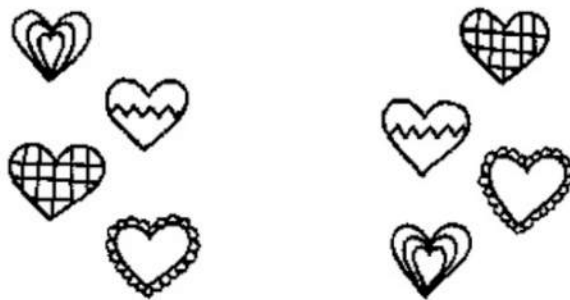
Activity One - Draw a picture that shows how Mary felt when Gabriel told her about Jesus.



Activity Two - Color in all the spaces that have an "X" to show how Jesus would save His people from their sins.



Activity Three - Draw lines to connect the hearts that match each other.



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart!”

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-20



The Story

The time came for Jesus to be born on the earth. The Bible told that He would be born in Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph lived a long way away in Nazareth. What would happen? Listen to the Bible lesson from Luke 2.

The king wanted his people to pay taxes and be counted. People had to go to the city their family came from. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because they were from King David's family. Mary was about to have a Baby, but she needed to go also.

When Joseph and Mary got to Bethlehem, they couldn't find any room in the inn or hotel because there were so many people in the town. They had to stay where animals were kept. The time came for Jesus to be born. He was born in Bethlehem. Mary wrapped Jesus in strips of cloth and placed Him in a manger where hay for the animals was laid.

During the same night that Jesus was born, an angel came to shepherds. They were watching their sheep in the field. The angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be

afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy. Today in Bethlehem a Savior, Christ the Lord, was born. You will find the Baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

Suddenly the sky was full of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Then the angels went away.

The shepherds said to each other, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this Baby."

So they hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby Jesus Who was lying in the manger. There they worshiped the Savior of all people.

After they had seen Jesus they returned to their sheep. They gave praise to God for sending the Savior Jesus. They also told other people about the wonderful Child they had seen. Those that heard it were surprised at what they had been told.

Mary thought about all that had happened and remembered it again and again.

Jesus our Savior is born.

Rejoice, your Savior is born!

Activity One - Cut out the pictures from the bottom of page 4 and glue them next to the sentence(s) that tells about the picture.

1. The king wanted to count his people. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem.
2. Many other people had come to Bethlehem. The only place to stay was where the animals stayed.
3. While they were staying there Mary had her Baby. Jesus was born! The only bed they had for Him was a manger.
4. The angels sang songs to the shepherds telling them about God's Son, our Savior.
5. The shepherds went to see the Baby Jesus. They found Him just as the angels told them. They worshiped Him.
6. After the shepherds saw Jesus they praised God and told the people they met about Jesus!

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Activity Two - Draw a picture of yourself in the box to make the sentence complete.

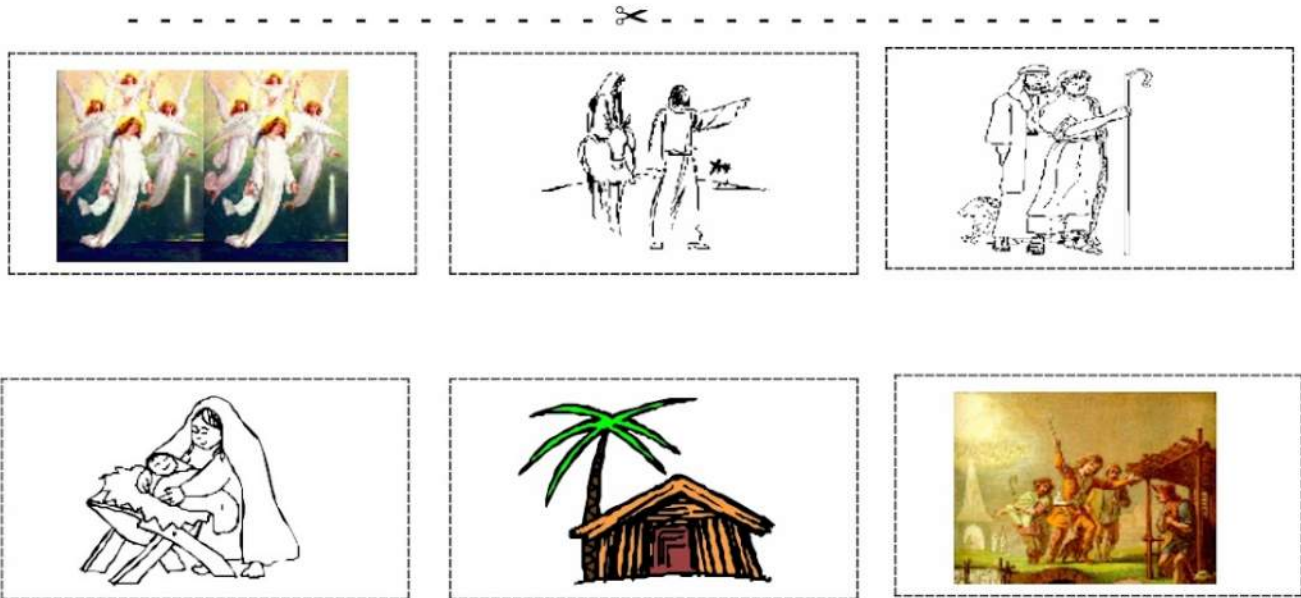


Jesus came to earth for everyone! Each one of us is precious to Him.
He wants us all to believe in Him so we can someday live with Him in heaven.

**"For there is born to you (_____ (your name))
this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11**

Prayer

Dear God, Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be my Savior. Amen.



The Wise Men and Flight to Egypt

Matthew 2:1-23



The Story

What gift would you have given Baby Jesus if you could have visited the newborn King? Today we will hear about some wise men who came from very far away to praise the Savior, Jesus, and to bring Him gifts. Those costly gifts would also help Joseph, Mary and Jesus travel and live in far away Egypt. Why did they go to Egypt? Listen and you will learn.

After Jesus had been born, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem and said, "Where is the King of the Jews who was born? We have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Herod, the king of Judea, did not like hearing this. Would this King take over his job? Herod called together people who knew the Bible and asked them to find where the Christ was to be born.

The Bible, in the book of Micah, told them that Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem.

Herod secretly found out when the wise men had seen the star and he told them to go to Bethlehem where they would find the Child. Herod lied to the wise men and said, "Go and find the Child and come back and tell me where He is so that I can go and worship Him also."

The wise men left, following the star they had seen in the East.

The star stopped over the place where Jesus was living. The wise men were very happy to see the star and follow it!

They came to the house where Jesus was now living and they fell down before the Savior and worshiped Him. They also gave Him expensive gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God sent a dream to warn the wise men not to go back and tell King Herod where Jesus was living. The wise men went home a different way.

An angel also came to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the young Child and Mary and go to Egypt and stay there until you are told to return. King Herod is going to try to find Jesus to kill Him." Joseph, Mary and Jesus left that night to go to Egypt.

When King Herod realized the wise men were not coming back to tell him where Jesus was living, he was very angry. Herod ordered that all baby boys who were two years old and younger should be killed. It was good that Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to Egypt.

After King Herod died, an angel told Joseph it was safe to go back home. The family moved to Nazareth, just as it is told in the Bible.

Activity One - Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

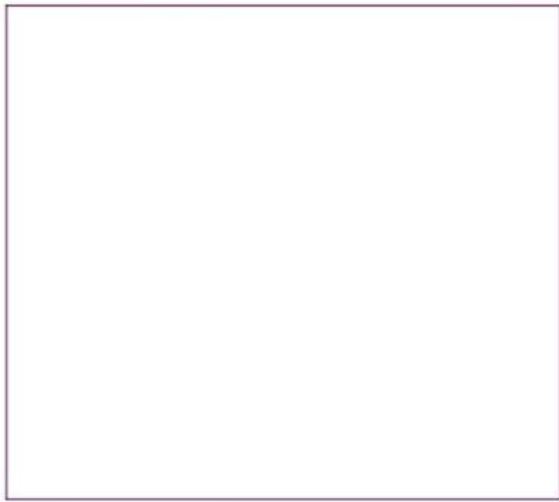
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1. King Herod heard about J_____ being born.
2. He told the w_____ m_____ to find the baby Jesus.
3. The wise men followed God's special st_____ to Bethlehem.
4. When they found Jesus they worshiped Him and gave Him g_____.
5. King Herod wanted to hurt Jesus but God kept Him S_____.
6. Joseph took Mary and Jesus to live in E_____ until God told them they could move home.

Passage

"Put your trust in the Lord." Psalm 4:5

Activity Two The wise men brought precious gifts for Jesus. What are some gifts you can give Jesus? Draw pictures of those gifts in the boxes. Have your teacher help you write the name of the picture below its box.



Gift: _____



Gift: _____



Gift: _____

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Please help me to be a bright light for You so other people can learn about how much You love them. Amen.

Twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:40-52



The Story

The Bible tells us that, as a child, Jesus grew strong in His body and in His spirit. He became very wise and God's grace was upon Him. There is only one story in the Bible about what Jesus did as a child.

Every year Jesus' mother and father would travel from their town, Nazareth, to a city called Jerusalem. They went to the Passover Feast. When Jesus was 12-years-old, He went with His parents to Jerusalem for the feast. They went because God wanted them to go.

After the feast was over, Jesus' mother and father started the journey back to Nazareth with all the other people returning there. Jesus, however, stayed behind in Jerusalem by Himself. His mother and father did not know Jesus had stayed in Jerusalem. They thought He was safe with other friends and family.

Mary and Joseph walked for a whole day. When they could not find Jesus, they went back to Jerusalem to look for their boy.

Mary and Joseph looked and looked for their Son. After three

days they found Jesus. He was in the temple. The teachers were all around Him. Jesus was listening to the teachers. He was asking the teachers questions too. Everyone who heard Him could hardly believe how much Jesus knew.

When Jesus' mother and father saw Him, they were very surprised. His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Look, your father and I have been very worried while we looked for you."

Jesus told His mother and father that He did not know why they were looking for Him. He thought they knew He must be doing God's work. He thought they knew He must be learning God's Word. But Jesus' mother and father really did not understand what Jesus said to them.

Then Jesus went back to Nazareth with His parents and obeyed them always. Mary, His mother, remembered all these things that happened. Jesus kept growing wiser and stronger. God and men admired Jesus very much.

Passages

Luke 11:28 "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it."

Review - Look at the picture on the front page

1. Circle the teachers.
2. Draw a line under Jesus.
3. Use your purple crayon to color the people who were surprised at how much Jesus knew.
4. Use your green crayon to color the One who was gladly listening to the Word of God.

Activity - Draw a picture of a place where you could hear and learn God's Word.



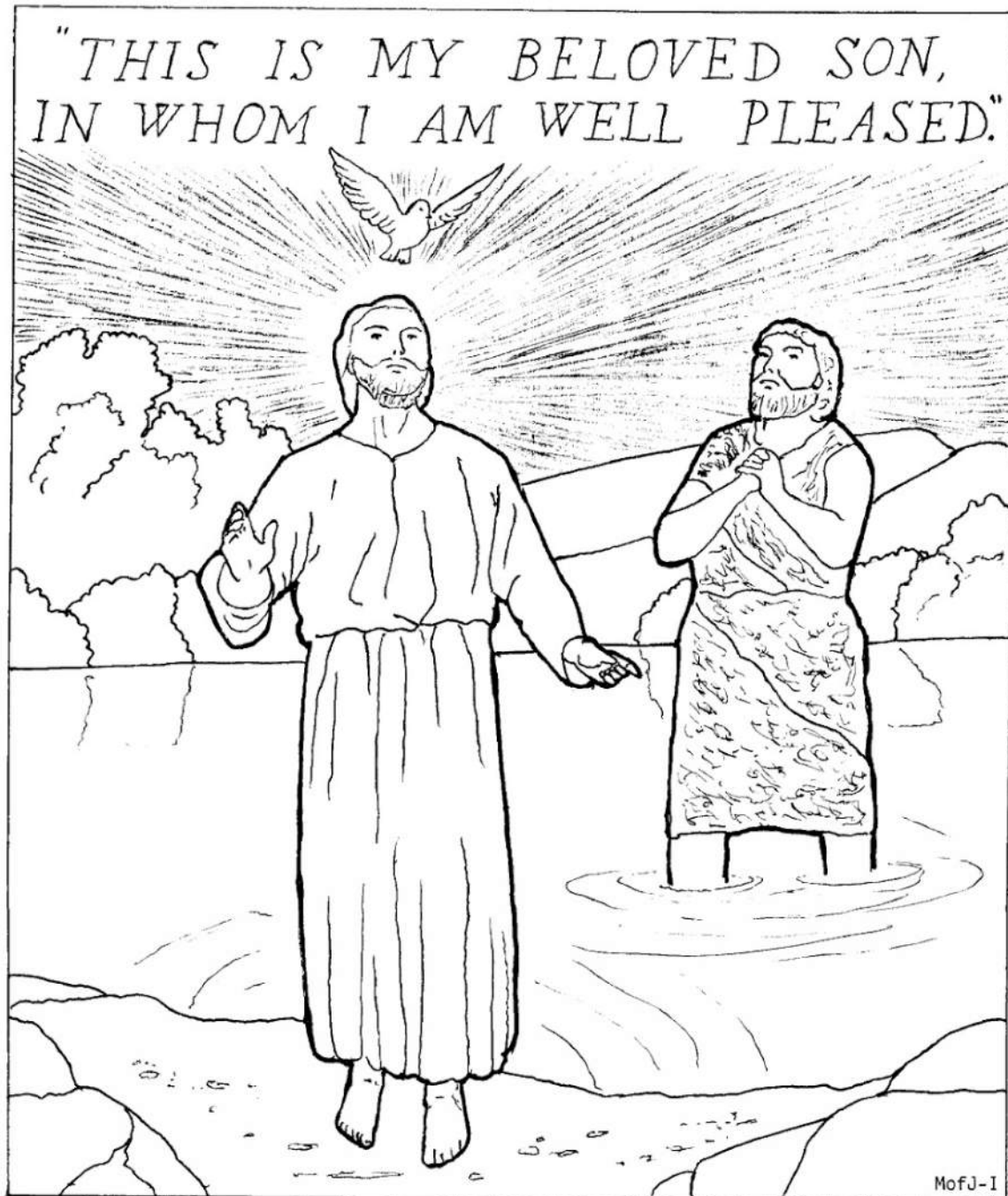
Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving us Your Word. Help us to joyfully learn it. Amen.

The Ministry of John and the Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:19-34



The Story

Jesus had a relative named John. His father was Zacharias and his mother was Elizabeth. John was to prepare the people for Jesus' coming.

When John grew up he lived in the wilderness. He wore a camel hair coat and a belt. He ate wild honey and grasshoppers.

John preached God's Word. He told people to admit their sins. He wanted people to be sorry when they did something wrong. He told people that Jesus was coming to

save them. John baptized people in the Jordan River.

One day Jesus came to see John. John said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Jesus wanted to be baptized. A miracle happened after Jesus was baptized. The Holy Spirit came down to Jesus in the shape of a dove. The Holy Spirit landed on Jesus. God the Father spoke from heaven and said, "You are my beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Jesus was baptized to publicly begin His ministry as our Savior.

Passage

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Hymn - TLH 63 v. 1, 5

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come, then, and hearken,
For He brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

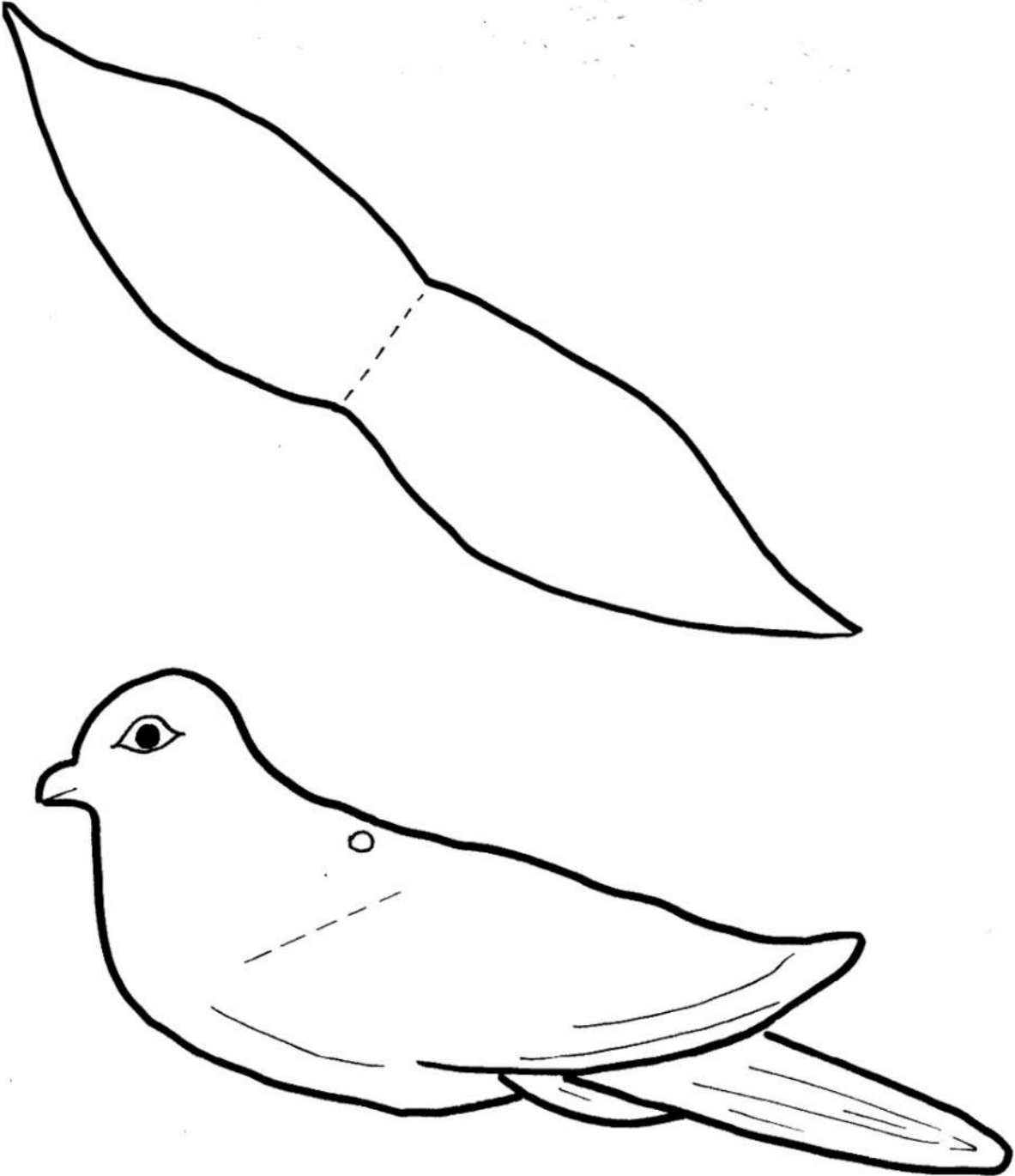
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore
And Holy Ghost
Forevermore.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for showing us that, through His baptism, Jesus is Your Son sent to be our Savior. Help us to picture in our hearts Jesus' baptism and how He kept the law for us to be our perfect Savior. When we sin, call us to repentance and faith that Jesus Christ, Your Son, washes us clean from all our sin, just as our baptism reminds us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Activity One - Cut out the dove and wings along the outer lines. Slit dotted line in the dove and insert wings. Hole punch the small circle and draw a piece of yarn through. The Holy Spirit came down from heaven as a dove and landed on Jesus.



The Temptations in the Wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13



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The Story

Sometime after His baptism, Jesus went into the wilderness. He stayed for 40 days and nights. He didn't eat anything the whole time. He was very hungry.

The devil wanted Jesus to sin. He told Jesus to do a miracle. He wanted Jesus to turn stones into bread. No matter how hungry He was, Jesus did not want to sin. He told the devil a Bible passage, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

The devil tried again. He took Jesus to the top of the temple. The temple was very high. The devil said Jesus should jump off it. The devil told Jesus the angels would catch Him. Jesus knew this would be a sin. He did not jump. He said another Bible passage, "You shall not tempt the LORD your God."

The devil would win if he tricked Jesus to sin. He

showed Jesus every country in the whole world. The devil told Jesus to worship him. He said if Jesus did, the devil would give the whole world to Jesus. Jesus knew He should only worship God. Jesus did not want to sin against His Father. He said an important Bible passage, "You shall worship the LORD your God and Him only shall you serve."

Jesus did not sin. He used the Word of God to beat the devil. Jesus told the devil to leave. Angels came and took care of Jesus.

Passage

Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for not falling into sin. Help us to use the Bible and also fight against the devil and sin. Amen.

Activity One - Draw lines to connect the questions with their answers.

1. How many days was Jesus in the wilderness? ●



2. How much did Jesus have to eat during that time? ●

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3. Who came to tempt Jesus? ●



4. Which three temptations are in this story? ● ● ●

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5. What did Jesus use to defeat the temptations? ●



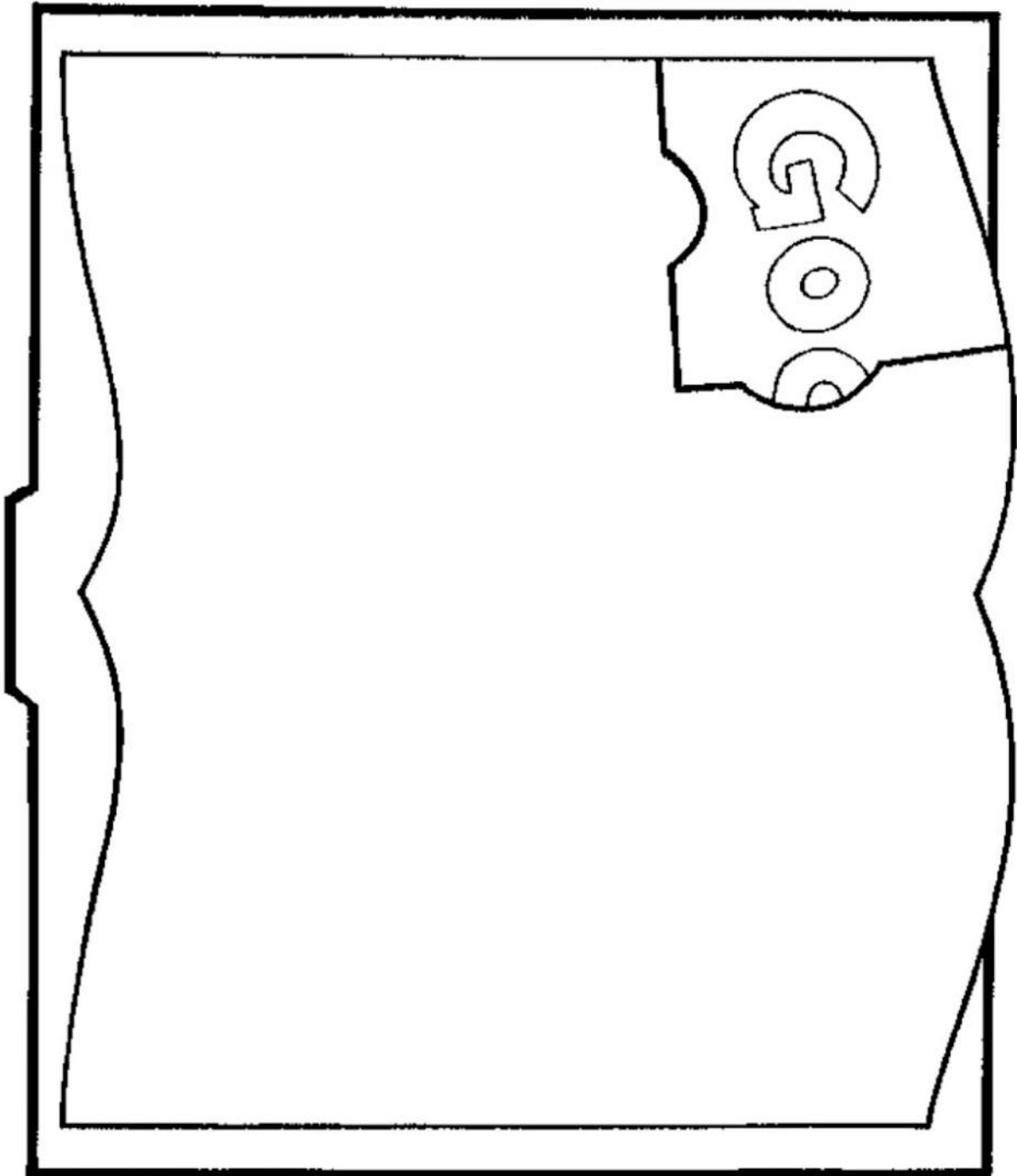
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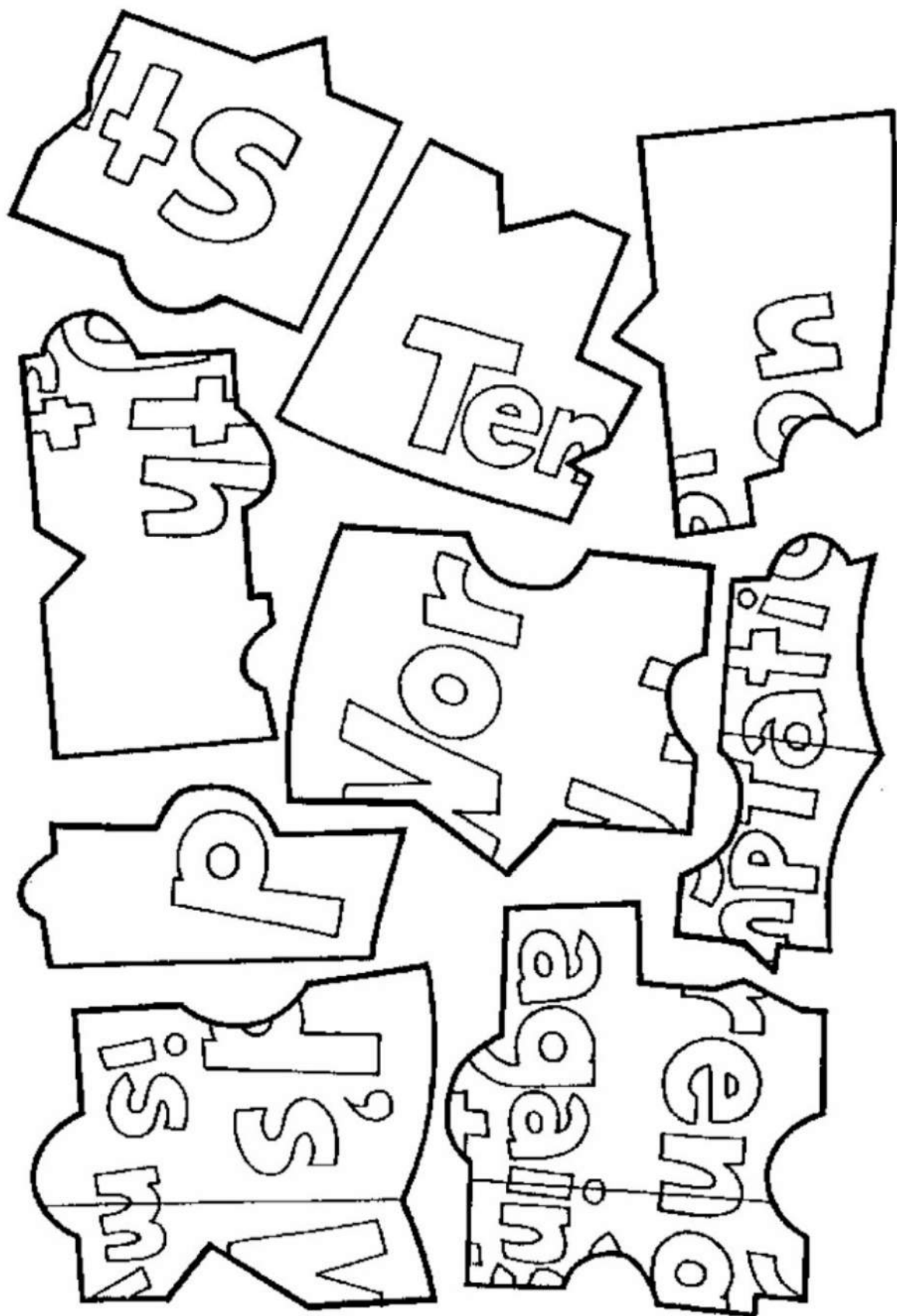
Talk about some things that sometimes tempt you to do bad things.

Draw a picture of what you should use to defeat your temptations.



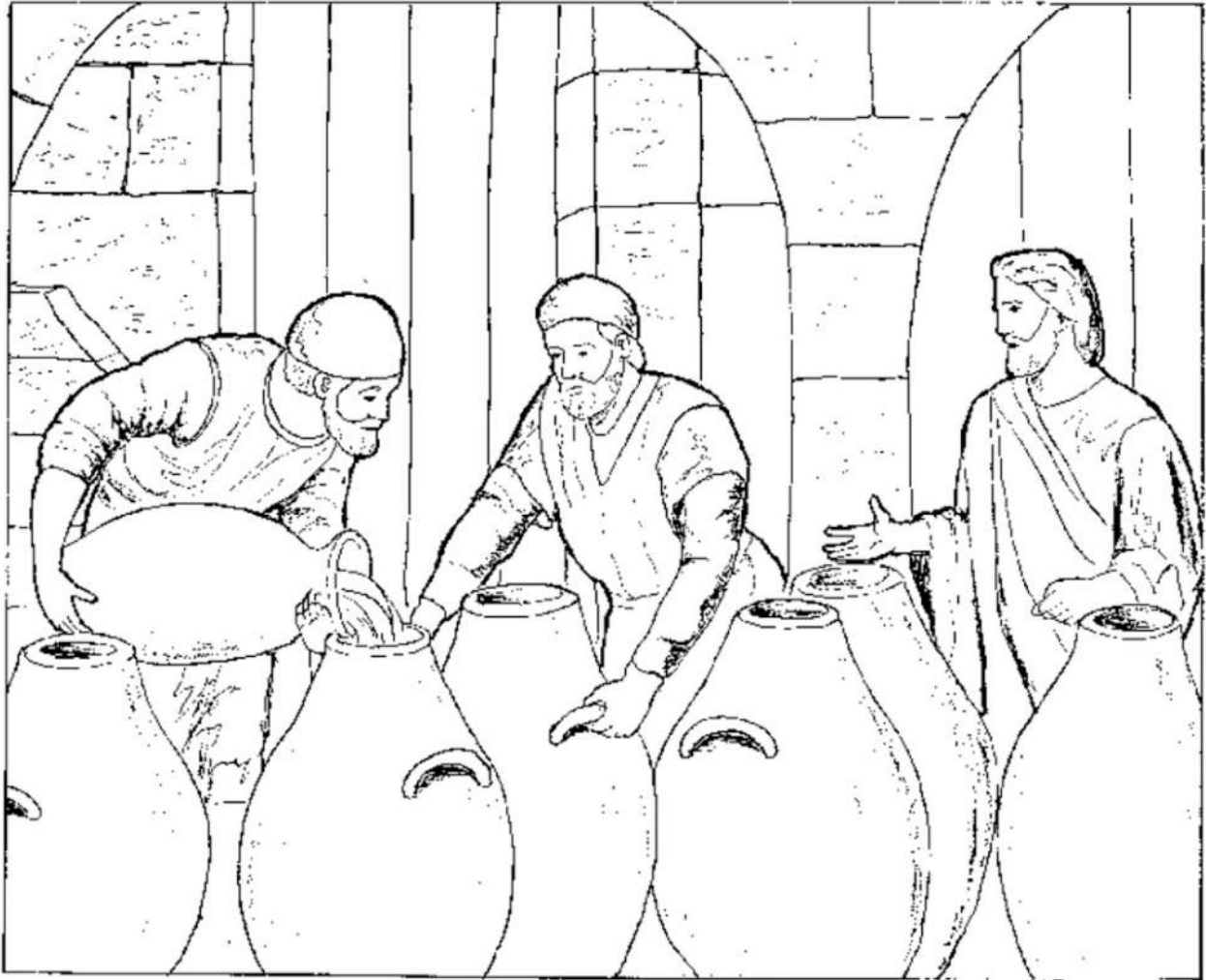
Activity Three - Cut out the pieces on page 5 and fit them in the Bible below.





The Wedding at Cana

John 2:1-11



The Story

This Bible story is about a wedding in a town called Cana. Since Mary and Jesus knew the bride and groom, they were invited to the wedding. Jesus' disciples were invited, too. Everyone was happy to see the bride and groom get married.

All the guests went to the groom's house for a big celebration (party). Sometimes wedding celebrations would last for several days. At this wedding dinner, they ran out of wine long before the celebration was over. Now all the guests would have to drink water.

Mary told Jesus, "They have no wine." Mary knew Jesus could help.

Jesus assured Mary that God provides for all needs when He knows the proper time to help has come.

Mary told the servants, "Whatever Jesus says to you, do it."

Jesus told the servants to fill the water pots with water. This was a big job. There were six huge water pots and each one would hold as much water as a bathtub. The servants did as Jesus said and filled each pot to the very brim with water.

Then Jesus said, "Take some out now and take it to the master of the feast." The servants obeyed.

Something strange and wonderful happened to the water. It turned into wine! The master tasted the wine but did not know where the servants had gotten it. The servants knew, though, that it had come from the stone pots that they had filled with water. They knew that Jesus had changed all that water into wine.

The master called the bridegroom and said, "Every man serves his best wine first, and then later serves the cheaper wine, but you have kept the best wine until now!"

This was the first miracle Jesus did. He changed the water into wine to show the glory of God. Jesus' disciples believed in Him as the Son of God.

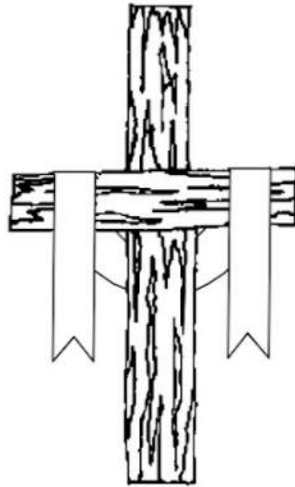
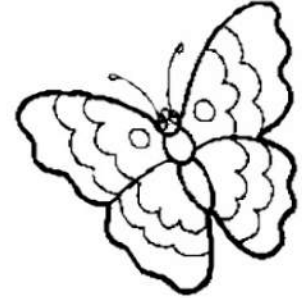
Passage

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:16

Color the Gifts from God

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19



Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, we thank You for showing us by Your miracles that You are God. Help us to pray to You about all our needs. Help us trust that, as God, You can always help us. Thank You for taking away our sins. We are so happy that You have promised to take all Your children to heaven one day. Please keep us faithful until that day. Amen.

Activity - Color the strip at the bottom of the page according to the color directions, then cut it out. Color the water pot below, cut out the top oval, and make the slits. Position the blue/maroon strip in the slits behind the water pot so that it changes from water to wine.



Color this side
BLUE

Color this side
MAROON

Peter's Catch of Fish/Jesus' Call of the Disciples

Luke 5:1-11 and 6:12-16



The Story

Jesus often traveled from town to town, telling people God's Word. He knew how important it was for people to know that He was their Savior, whom God the Father had sent. Jesus came to take away our sin.

Everywhere Jesus traveled, big crowds of people gathered to hear Him. In today's story, Jesus was preaching beside a big lake. People were crowding closer and closer, trying to see and hear Jesus. It must have been hard to hear Jesus with so many people crowding around Him.

Some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John had their boats at the edge of the lake and were cleaning their nets. Jesus got into one boat and asked Simon to row Him a short way out into the lake. Now everyone could sit down on the shore and see and hear Jesus easily. Jesus preached to them from the boat. He has always wanted everyone to know that He is God's Son and their Savior.

When Jesus was finished preaching, He said to Simon, "Row out into the deep water and put your net into the water to catch fish."

Simon said, "Master, we have fished all night and haven't caught anything, but I will obey Your word and let down the net."

When Simon and Andrew put their nets into the water, they caught so many fish that their nets were breaking. They called to their friends in the other boat to help them. They filled both boats so full that their boats began to sink. Everyone was amazed to catch so many fish!

Simon Peter realized that Jesus helped them catch so many fish because He is God. Simon also knew that he was a sinner and God doesn't like sin. He said, "Go away from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

Jesus wanted Simon and the other disciples to know that He forgives our sin. He said, "Do not be afraid. Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

So Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their boats and everything they had and followed Jesus.

On another day Jesus knew it was time to choose all 12 disciples. Jesus had many followers, but only 12 would be chosen to be Disciples. Since this was such an important decision, He prayed all night to His Heavenly Father.

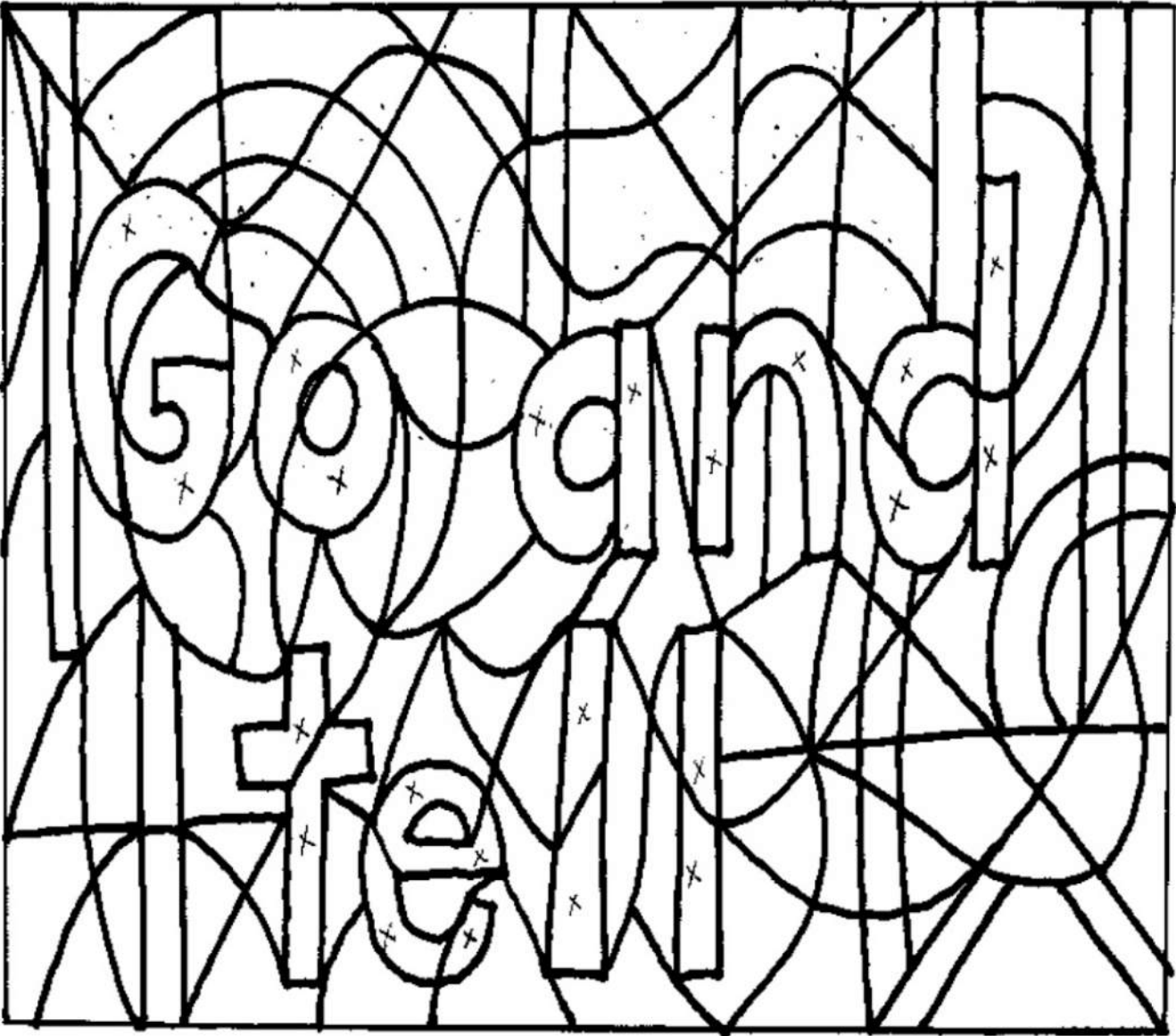
In the morning, Jesus called all His disciples together. From them, He chose to be His disciples: Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; Judas, the son of James; and Judas Iscariot who would later betray Him.

These men followed Jesus for several years, they heard His message and saw His miracles. They saw Jesus die on the cross and rise again. Jesus wanted them to go and tell others all about Jesus, the world's Savior.

**"Follow Me, and I will
make you fishers of men."**

Matthew 4:19

Poster - Color only the spaces that have an X.



Puzzle - Help your friend find the message of God's Word.

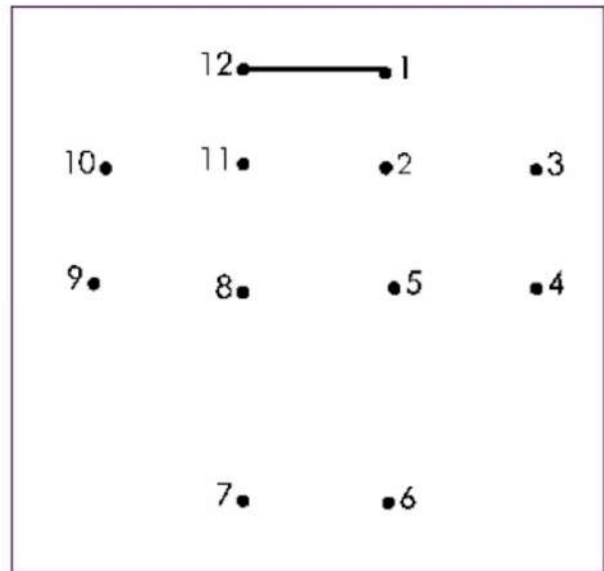


Activity - Connect the dots to see what completes the message below.

"Jesus died for our sins on the ...

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You so much for directing someone to tell me about You so I can know You as my Savior. Help me to tell other people about You. Help me to remember that You are always with me, helping me to tell others the good news about You. Amen.



Jesus and Nicodemus

John 2:23-25, 3:1-21



Jesus reveals the nature of the Kingdom of God to Nicodemus.



The Story

What do you think a kingdom is?
What would it be like to live in a palace?

Well, people in Jesus' time thought that Jesus had come to live in a palace and have a kingdom on earth. But Jesus came for a different reason and His kingdom was not in any place we could visit or see. In our story today, Jesus shows Nicodemus what the Kingdom of God is really like.

Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. Many saw the miracles He did and believed in Him. There was a Pharisee in Jerusalem named Nicodemus. He went to see Jesus at night. Nicodemus was afraid to be seen with Jesus because most of the Pharisees did not like Jesus. Nicodemus said to Jesus, "We know You are a teacher who has come from God. No one can do these miracles You do unless God is with him."

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus did not understand what Jesus meant. He asked, "How can anyone be born when he is old? He cannot go back into his mother's womb and be born a second time can he?"

Nicodemus was right when he said he couldn't be born again from his mother. But Jesus wasn't talking about that kind of birth. He told Nicodemus, "No one can enter the kingdom of God

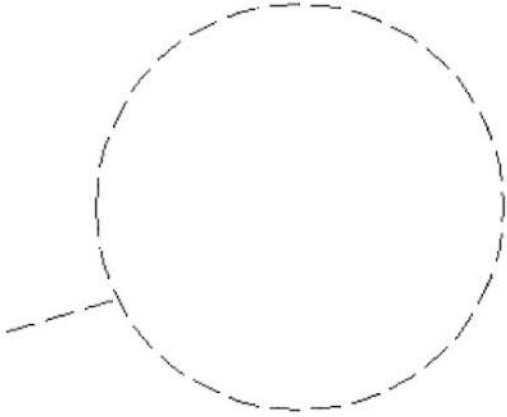
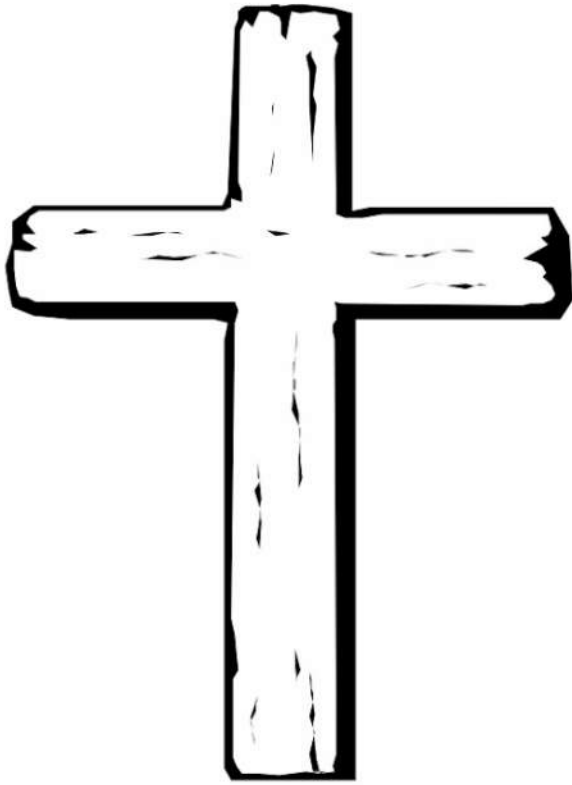
unless he is born again of water and the Spirit." Jesus was talking about baptism when he said "born of water and the Spirit."

We are "reborn" or born again as God's child when we are baptized. Through baptism, God the Holy Spirit, uses God's Word to make people into believers. When we believe that Jesus died to take away our sins, we are "born again." This is Jesus' kingdom. He lives and rules in our hearts by the power of His Word.

Nicodemus still did not understand what Jesus was trying to teach him. Jesus reminded Nicodemus how God told Moses to raise a bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness. When the people who were bitten by the poisonous snakes looked at the bronze snake, God promised they would not die. The people looked to the snake and were saved from dying.

In the same way, Jesus was going to be put up on the cross so that He could die to pay for the sins of the world. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* (John 3:16) Everyone who looks to Jesus and believes He is the Son of God Who died for the sins of the world will be saved from the poison of sin. We may die on earth, but through faith in Jesus we will not die forever in hell. All who believe in Him will live with Him forever in Heaven!

Activity One - Color and cut out the pictures and doorknob hanger below. First glue the cross to the hanger and then glue the world on top of the cross.



John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Activity Two - Answer these questions about the lesson.

1. Who came to see Jesus?
2. Why did he come at night?
3. Why did Nicodemus believe that Jesus was sent by God?
4. What did Jesus tell Nicodemus had to happen for someone to believe?
5. What did Nicodemus think Jesus meant?
6. Was he right?
7. What do we call it when someone is "born again of water and the Spirit"?
8. Where is Jesus's kingdom?
9. What happens through baptism? (See sentence below)

Jesus made me a part of His Kingdom by baptism and the Spirit.

Passage

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Hymn - TLH #245 v. 1

God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank You for sending us Your Son to die upon the cross to pay for our sins, so that through baptism we are made members of Your kingdom by the Holy Spirit. Help us daily and bless us in our study of Your Word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 4:1-45



The Story

Jesus and His disciples were traveling to Galilee. They walked through Samaria to the town of Sychar. Jesus was tired and sat at the edge of Jacob's well. The disciples went into the town to buy some food. While Jesus was there, a woman came to the well to get water.

Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

The woman was surprised that Jesus would even talk to her. Jesus was a Jew, and Jews usually hated the Samaritan people. The Jews thought they were better than Samaritans.

"If you knew who I am, you would ask for living water," Jesus said to her.

The woman thought Jesus was talking about water from the well. She said, "Sir, You need something to get water out of the well, for it is deep. "

"If you drink water from a well you will get thirsty again. But I can give you water and you will never thirst," continued Jesus.

"Please give me some of that water," she begged. "It is hard work

carrying water every day." She still didn't know that the "living water" Jesus was talking about was belief in Jesus as Savior.

"Go and get your husband," Jesus commanded.

She answered, "I don't have a husband."

"You are right, you have had five husbands and now you are living with a man that is not your husband!" Jesus said.

"You must be a prophet because You know all I have done!" exclaimed the woman. "I know the Messiah is coming and He will tell us all things."

"I am the Messiah," Jesus said.

The woman was very excited and ran into the city. She said to her family and friends, "Come see a Man that told me everything I have done. Is this not the Christ?"

The Samaritans heard Jesus and stayed two days. He preached and many more believed.

They said, "This is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Jesus came to seek and to save all sinners, even the Samaritan woman and other Samaritans.

Jesus came to seek and to save all sinners, even me.

Activity One

- Answer these questions with a **Y** for yes or an **N** for no.

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. Jesus was tired. | Y | N |
| 2. Jesus asked the woman for a drink. | Y | N |
| 3. She gave Jesus living water. | Y | N |
| 4. The woman believed in Jesus as her Savior. | Y | N |
| 5. She told her friends to come see Jesus. | Y | N |

Passages

1 Timothy 2:4 - (God our Savior) desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Luke 19:10 - "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Hymn

- TLH #277 v. 2

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

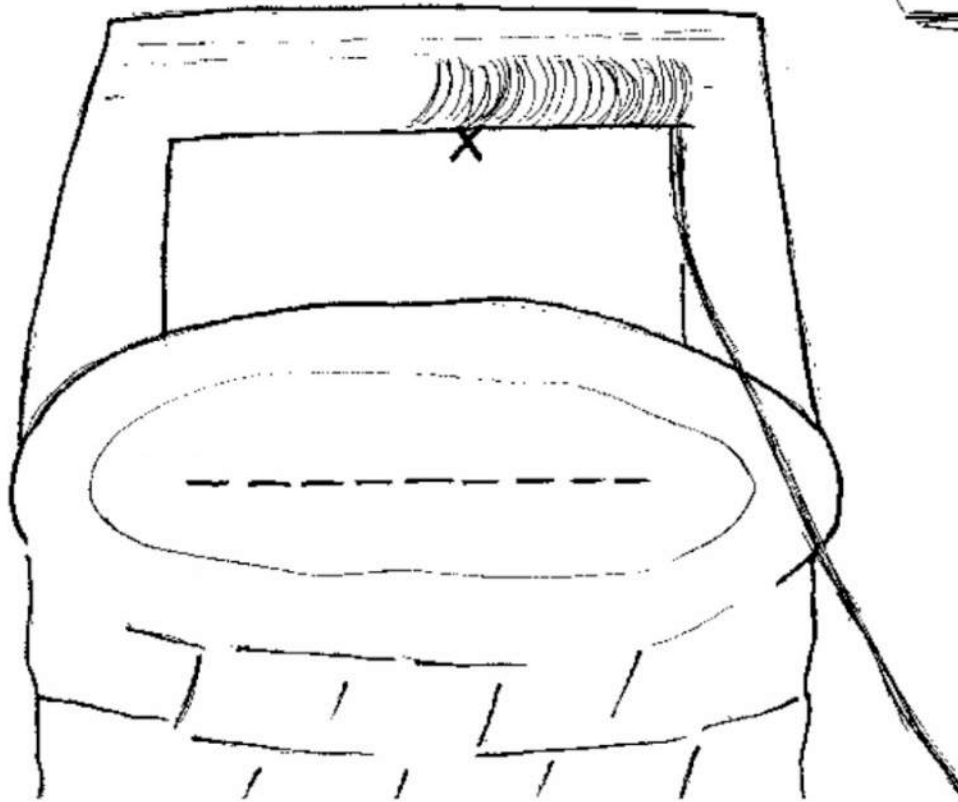
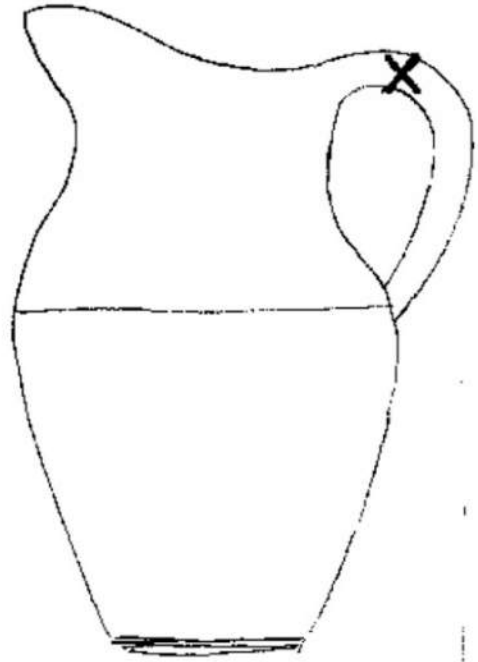
Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

We do not always love our neighbors or tell them of You. Help us be more like You, loving all people. Help us be like the Samaritan woman, telling others of Your perfect life, death and resurrection. Thank You for loving and saving us. Amen

Activity Two - Follow the directions below.

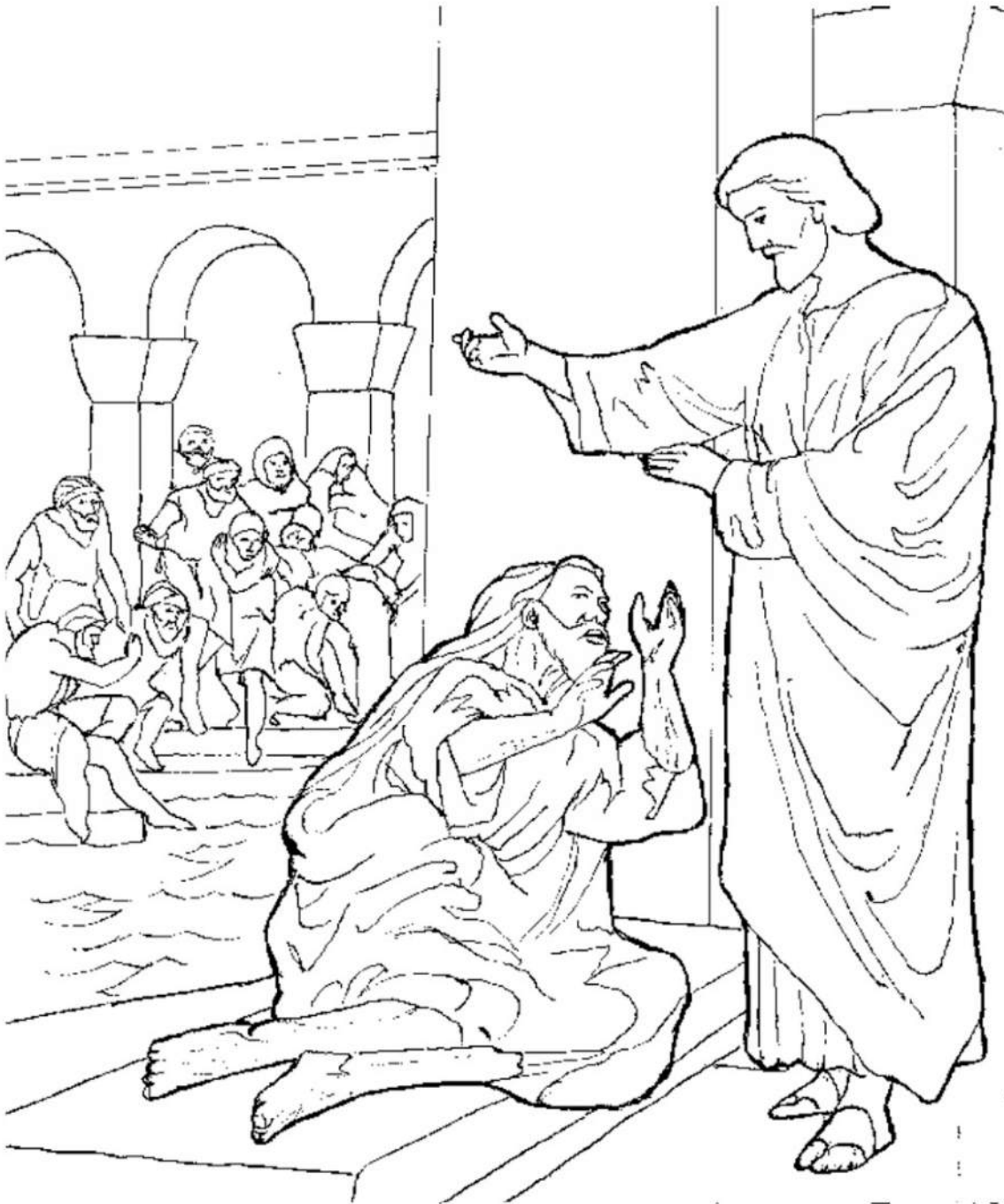
1. Color the well and pitcher.
2. Cut out the pitcher
3. Cut a slit along the dotted line on the well below.
4. Staple a knotted 3 inch string on both X's.
5. Lower the pitcher for water.



John 4:14 "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst."

Pool of Bethesda

John 5



God's Hand in Our Lives
New Testament

The Pool of Bethesda - Level 1

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The Story

There was a feast of the Jews and Jesus went up to Jerusalem for it.

In Jerusalem, there was a pool called Bethesda, which means House of Mercy. It had five porches around it. In these porches lay many sick people. They were blind, lame, paralyzed or very sick. These people came to Bethesda because, at a certain time, an angel went down into the pool and stirred up the water. Whoever first stepped into the water after the angel stirred it, was cured of their illness.

One of the sick people at the pool was a man who had been sick for 38 years. When Jesus saw him lying there Jesus knew that the man had been sick a long time.

Jesus said to the man, "Do you want to be made well?"

The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. While I am trying to get there, another steps down ahead of me."

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

Immediately, the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked! That day was the Sabbath.

Some of the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath. It is against the law for you to carry your bed."

The man answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

Then the Jews asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

But the man did not know who had

healed him.

Afterward, Jesus found the man in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

The Jews were angry with Jesus and accused Him of breaking the Sabbath law and of calling God His Father. The Jews wanted to kill Jesus.

Jesus answered them and said, "He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."

Jesus also told them that whoever hears God's Word and believes, receives everlasting life. He told them He was doing His Father's will. Jesus knew that these Jews did not believe anything he said. He was sad because, even though they had the things Moses had written, they didn't believe Moses' words nor the word of the Son of God.

Jesus took away the man's sickness and revealed Himself as the Son of God.

Jesus takes away my sins and reveals Himself through the Holy Scriptures.

Activity One - Review the lesson by discussing the following questions. The answers are in italics below.

1. What was wrong with the man at the pool of Bethesda?
2. Why is there sickness in the world?
3. Who healed the man?
4. Why did the enemies want to kill Jesus?
5. Where do we find out that Jesus is the Son of God?

Answers:

1. *He was sick.*
2. *There is sickness because of sin.*
3. *Jesus healed the man*
4. *The enemies wanted to kill Jesus because He healed on the Sabbath and He called Himself the Son of God.*
5. *We find out about Jesus in God's Word, the Bible.*

Activity Two - Trace each child's path to find out where they hear about Jesus.



Passage

John 5:39 - You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Hymn - TLH #290 v. 1

We have a sure prophetic Word
By inspiration of the Lord;
And tho' assailed on ev'ry hand,
Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.

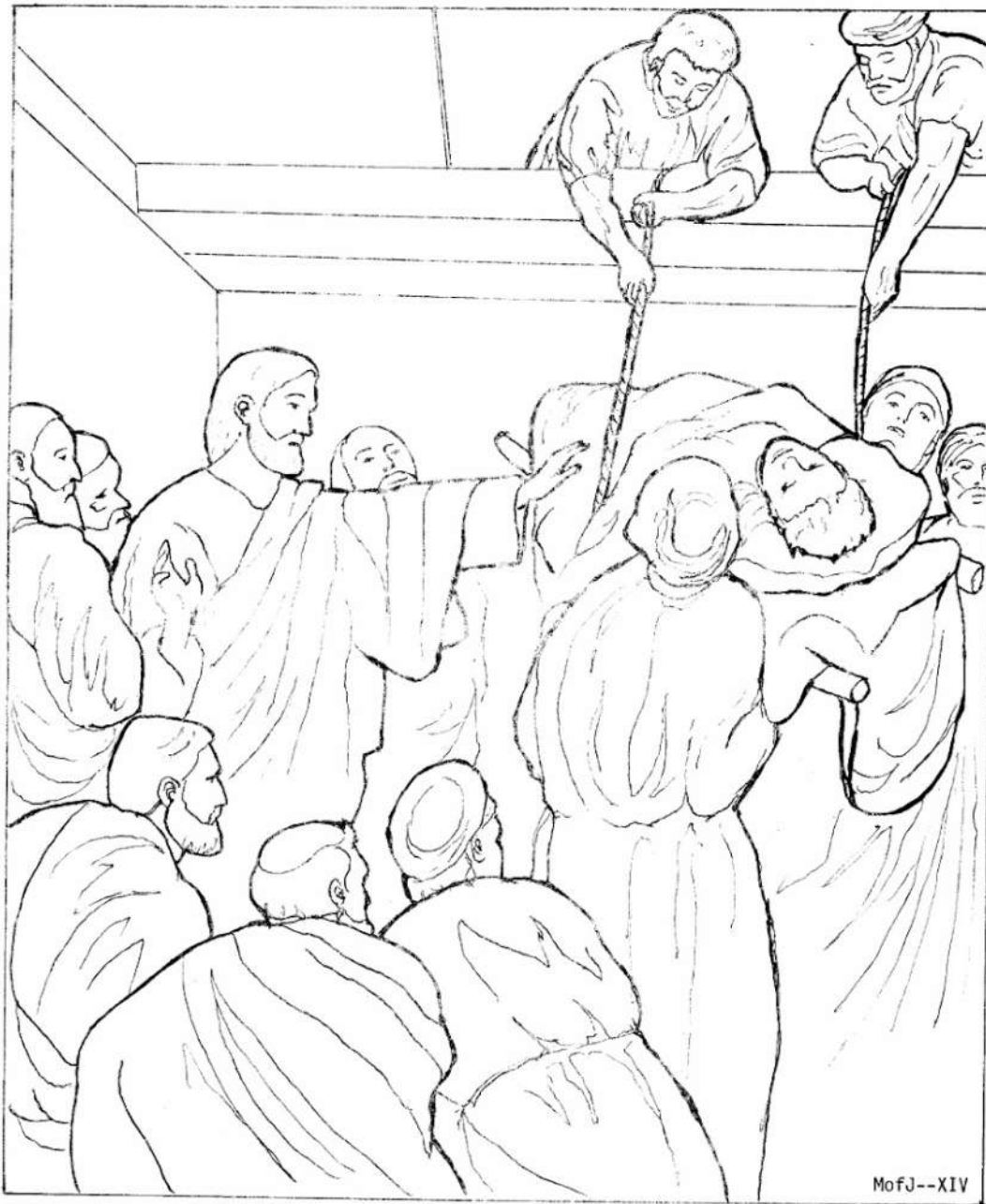
Prayer

Dear Son of God,

You have saved us from our terrible sickness of sin. Please help us to study the Scriptures and be strengthened in the knowledge of Your work of salvation. Lead us to praise You in thanksgiving, now and in eternity. In Your Name. Amen.

Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1-12



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The Story

One day, Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee and came to the city of Capernaum. There He preached to many people and told them the way to salvation. So many people came to the house where He preached that they filled it.

Four men came to the house carrying a man who was so sick he could not walk. They knew Jesus could heal the sick man. When they came to the house and saw they could not get inside the crowded room, they carried the sick man to the top of the house. There they made an opening in the roof and let the sick friend down right before Jesus.

Jesus was happy to see the faith these men had in Him. He said

to the sick man, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

Some enemies of Jesus were also in the room. They heard Jesus speak of forgiving sins. "Only God can forgive sins," they said amongst themselves.

Jesus knew what they were thinking. To show them His power as the Son of Man and also as the Son of God He said to the sick man, "Arise, take up your bed and go to your house." Immediately, the sick man stood up, picked up his bed and went home.

The people who saw this were surprised. They praised God for the miracle performed by Jesus.

Activity One - Draw lines to match.

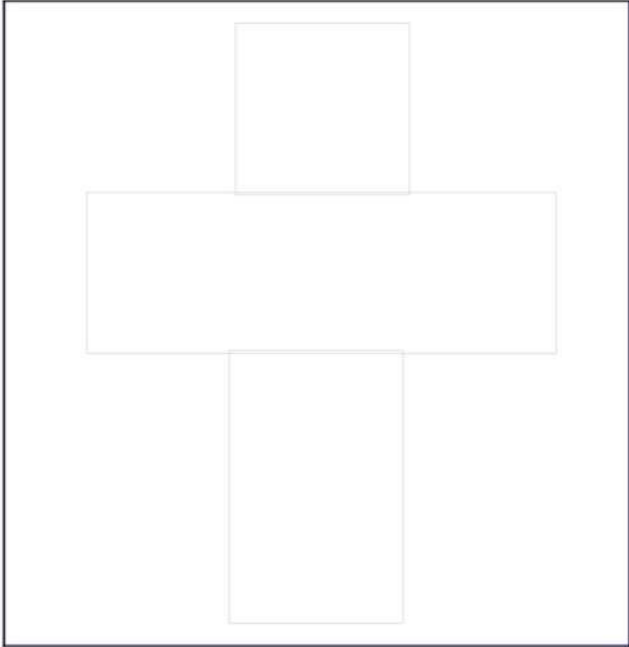
Jesus can●

- make people well.
- forgive sins.

We should remember◆

- ◆ to pray to Jesus.
- ◆ to thank Jesus.

Activity Two - Cut out the cross pieces at the bottom of the page and glue them to the cross at the right.



Passages

**Casting all your care upon Him,
for He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7**

**The blood of Jesus Christ His Son
cleanses us from all sin.
1 John 1:7**

Prayer - Write the word **sins in** the box below. Use this prayer every day.

Dear Jesus,
Thank you, Jesus, for forgiving my . Amen.



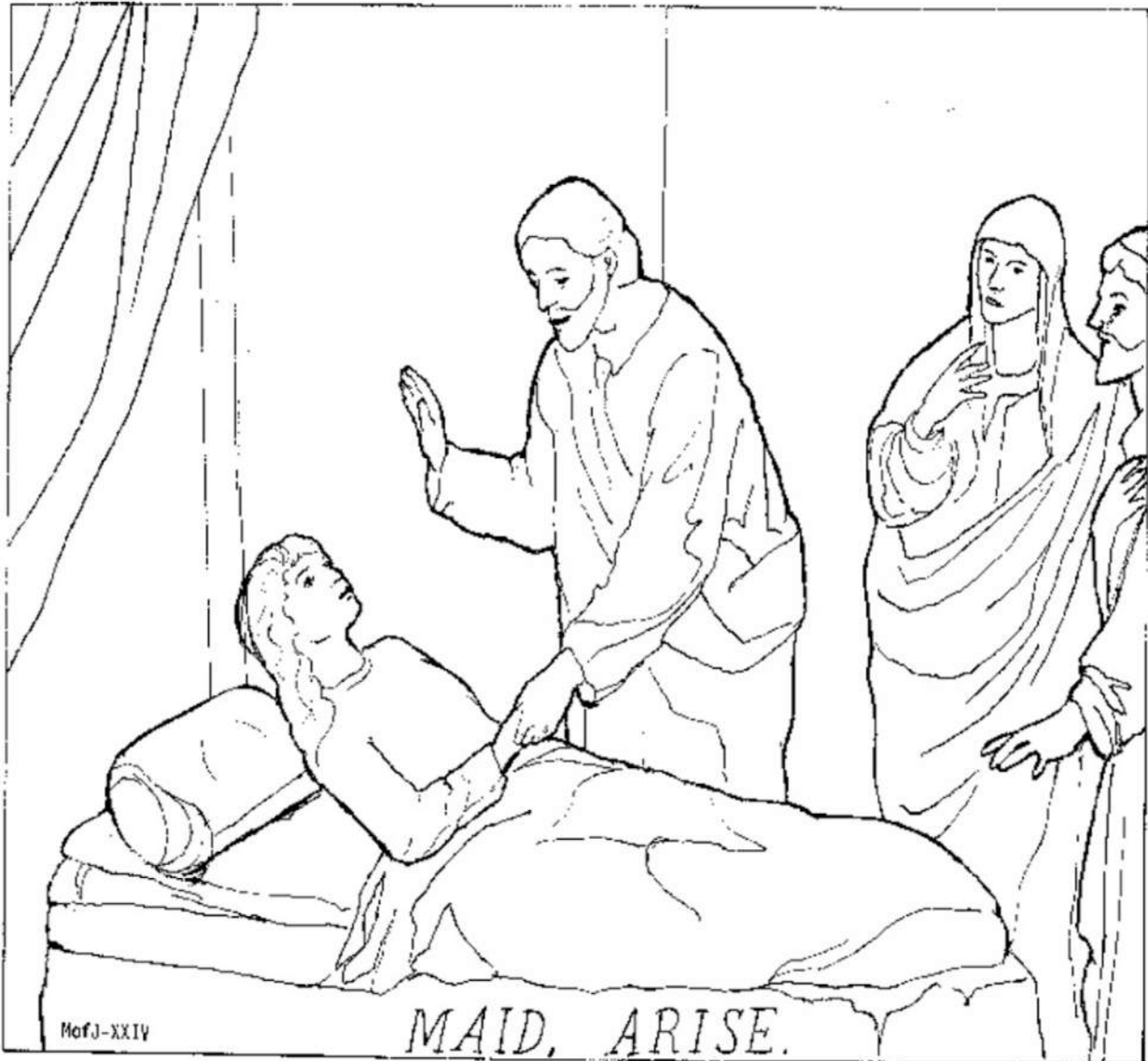
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Jesus Raises the Daughter of Jairus

Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56



The Story

One day, a man named Jairus came to Jesus for help. His daughter, who was 12 years old, was very sick. She was his only child. Jairus begged Jesus to come to his house and heal her so she would not die. He believed that Jesus could heal her, even though she was dying.

Jesus felt sorry for Jairus and went with him. While they were on the way, a messenger came and told Jairus that his daughter had died. Jairus thought it was too late for Jesus to help. But Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just believe and she will be made well."

When they came to the house, it was already filled with people who were crying. Jesus told

them not to cry because the little girl was just sleeping. Jesus used the word "sleep" for death because, for His children, dying is like going to sleep and waking up in heaven. The people laughed at Jesus because they knew that the girl was dead.

Jesus told everyone to go outside. Then He took the father and mother and three disciples into the room where the little girl lay dead.

Jesus took the girl by the hand and said to her, "Little girl, get up!" As soon as Jesus said this, the girl got up and walked. She was alive and completely well! How happy her parents must have been! Jesus showed that He had power, even over death.

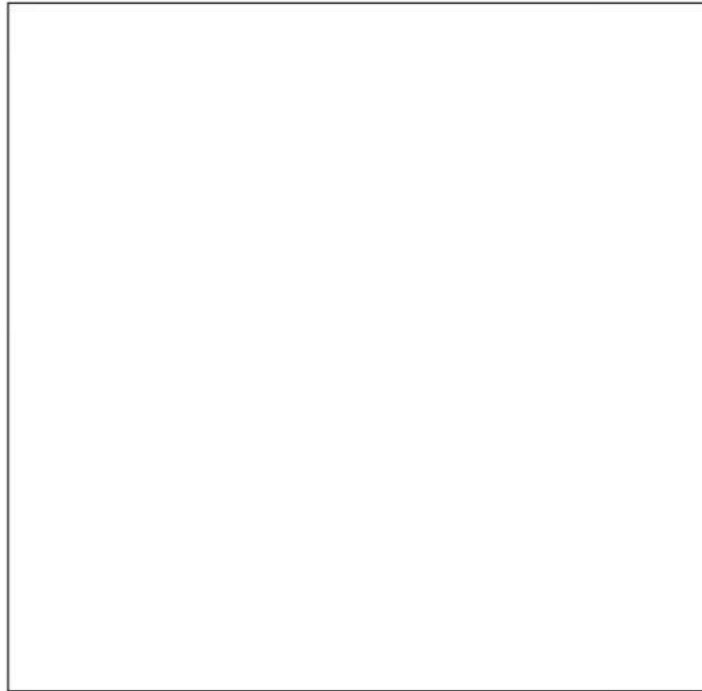
Activity - Make a picture of yourself in this box. Show how you feel about the love of Jesus.

Why do children of God have happy hearts and happy faces?

Where will Jesus take His children when they die?

Why will heaven always be a happy place for us?

How can you show Jesus that you are glad that He has saved you so that you can go to heaven?



A Song to Sing

"Jesus Loves Children" (A Child's Garden of Song)
Sung to the tune of "Rock-a-bye Baby"

When I am playing, Jesus takes care,
When I am sleeping, Jesus is there,
And when I die, my Jesus will come,
And safe in His arms He'll carry me home.

The Centurion's Servant

Matthew 8:5-15; Luke 7:1-10



The Story

Have you ever seen a soldier? A soldier is a man who is in the army. Did you know there were armies in Jesus' time, too? Today we will hear about a very special army leader, a centurion, from the Roman army. He knew he needed Jesus to help his servant.

One day, Jesus went high up on a mountain and preached a very important sermon to the people gathered there. He taught them many wonderful things about how much God loves everyone.

After Jesus came down from the mountain, he went to a city called Capernaum. At this city an centurion, who was in charge of one hundred other soldiers, came to Jesus for help. This army commander was an important man, but he believed that Jesus had much more power than he did (and more power than any other man does). And he was right! He was right because Jesus is the very Son of God.

Do you know why the army leader came to Jesus? Did he need help to win a battle with his army? No, he needed Jesus' help because his servant was very, very sick. He did not want his servant to die, or

even be sick. He believed Jesus could help.

The army leader came to Jesus and said, "Lord, my servant can't walk, and he is in a lot of pain." Jesus said, "I will come and heal him."

The army leader showed how much he believed Jesus and how humble he knew he was before Jesus. He said, "Lord, I command many soldiers and they do what I say. But You are much more important and powerful than me. I do not deserve the honor of You coming to my house. I know that if You just say a word, my servant will be better again."

Jesus was very surprised by how strongly the commander believed in Him. This man - from the Roman army - had a very great faith. Many people from Israel, Jesus' own country, did not even believe in Him.

Jesus helped the army leader and his servant. He told the centurion that he could go home and he would find his servant healed just as he had believed.

The servant did get well, right at that very time.

Activity - Cut out the words at the bottom of page 3 and use them on page 4.

Passage

*Psalm 50:15 "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,
and you shall glorify Me."*

Hymn - TLH #428 v. 1, 6

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

Prayer

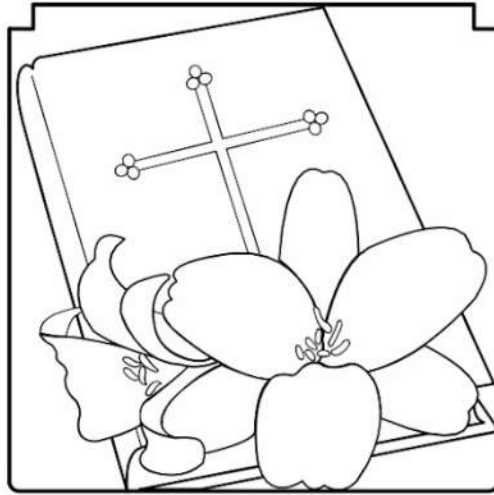
Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending Jesus to help when we are sick, and in every time of need. We are so happy to learn how much You love us, and that You are always ready to help us with everything in our lives. Help us to believe as strongly as the Roman army leader did. Help us, we pray, to be especially happy that Jesus is our Savior from sin so that we know we will be in heaven forever. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen!

Thee,

I am trusting

Lord Jesus

Activity - Glue the cut out words from page 3 in place. Color the pictures.



I am trusting

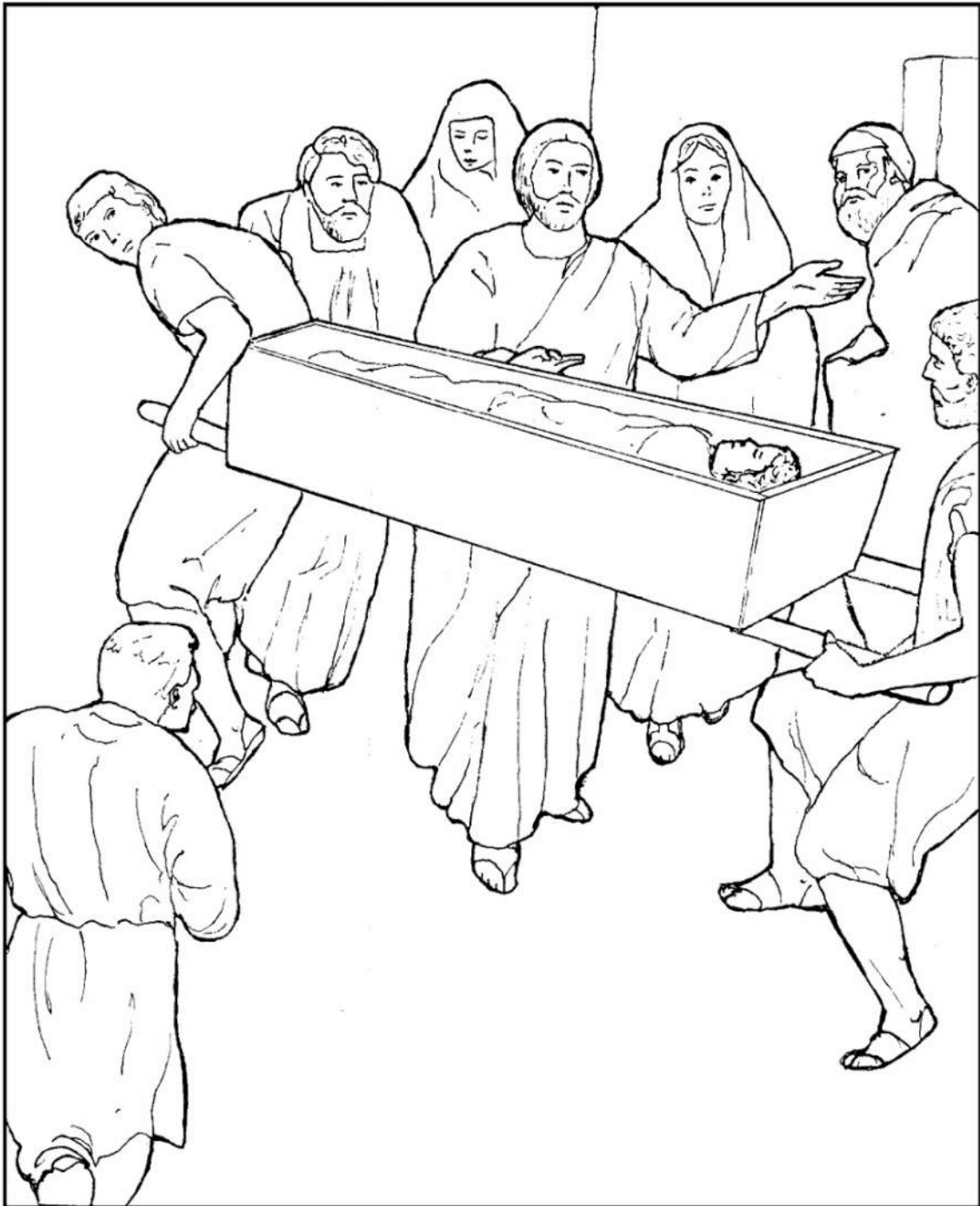
Thee,

Lord Jesus



The Young Man of Nain

Luke 7:11-17



The Story

After Jesus started preaching, many people started to follow Him. Some of them wanted to see Him do miracles. He had just healed the servant of a Roman soldier. Today we will hear that Jesus did an even more amazing miracle.

One day, Jesus was walking with a big crowd of people. They came to a city called Nain. Walking out of the city was a group of people. Many of the people were crying because a young man had died. His mother had no one else left in her family so she would now be alone. Many people were sad. The mother was crying.

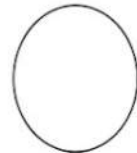
When Jesus saw the people carrying the young man to bury him, He felt sorry for the mother. Jesus told the people to stop. Then He talked to the dead man. He said, "Young man I say to you, arise." The man who was dead, got up! Jesus took the young man and led him over to his mother.

The people that saw Jesus do this, were very surprised. They thought that Jesus was a great prophet because He could do great things. Not all of them knew that Jesus was God's Son.

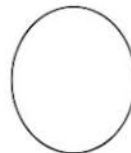
Jesus is the Savior of the world and He is more powerful than even death!

Activity One - Draw a face that shows how the people in the story felt.

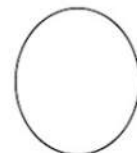
How do you think the mother felt about her son's death?



How do you think the mother felt when Jesus made him alive?

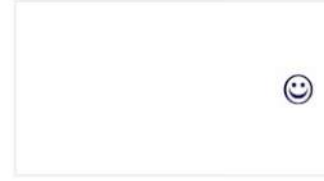
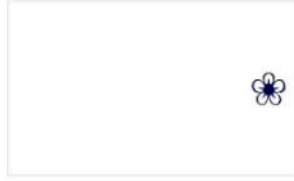
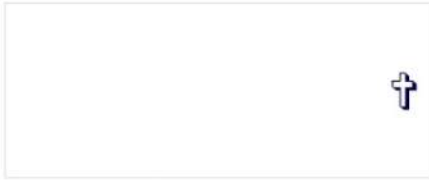


How did the crowd of people feel when Jesus made the young man alive?



Activity Two - Cut out the words at the bottom of the page and glue the pieces to the memory passage below. Learn the passage and reference.

Jesus said,



John 14:19

Prayer - Color each letter in Jesus' name a different color. Use this sentence as a closing prayer for the lesson.

Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the Amen.

(Color each letter a different color.)



(Draw a cross.)

you will ✿

live also." 😊

"Because I live, †

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

Matthew 13:1-23



BEHOLD, A SOWER
WENT FORTH
TO SOW,

The Story

Jesus wanted to tell the people about different ways some people lose their faith. He wanted people to be careful so that they wouldn't lose their faith too. Jesus knew that this was hard for them to understand so he told them a story or parable that would make it easy for them to understand. The parable went like this:

One day there was a farmer who went out and was planting his field by throwing seeds on the ground. Some of the seeds that he threw landed on the hard path and birds came down and ate those seeds.

Some of the seeds landed on ground with lots of rocks. Those seeds grew at first but because there wasn't much dirt they dried up and died when the sun came out.

Some of the seeds landed in thorns and when these plants started to grow the thorns choked them and they died.

Some of the seeds landed on good ground and when they

grew they made many more seeds.

Jesus' disciples didn't know what Jesus meant when He told the story so He told them its meaning. When somebody hears the Word of God and doesn't understand it then the devil will take them. This is what Jesus meant by the seeds that fell on the road.

When somebody hears the Word of God but loses it again when he has troubles or people make fun of him for believing, then this person is like the seeds that fell in the rocky dirt.

When somebody hears the Word of God and believes it for a while but then falls away because they want to have things in the world like money or to be famous, this person is like the seeds that were choked by the thorns.

When somebody hears the Word of God and believes it, these people are like the seeds that fell on good ground.

Jesus told a parable that describes the enemies working against the Word of God.

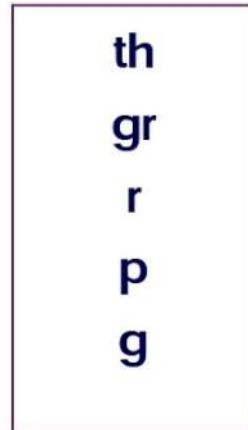
Activity One - Write in the missing letters of the places the seed fell. The correct letters are in the box.

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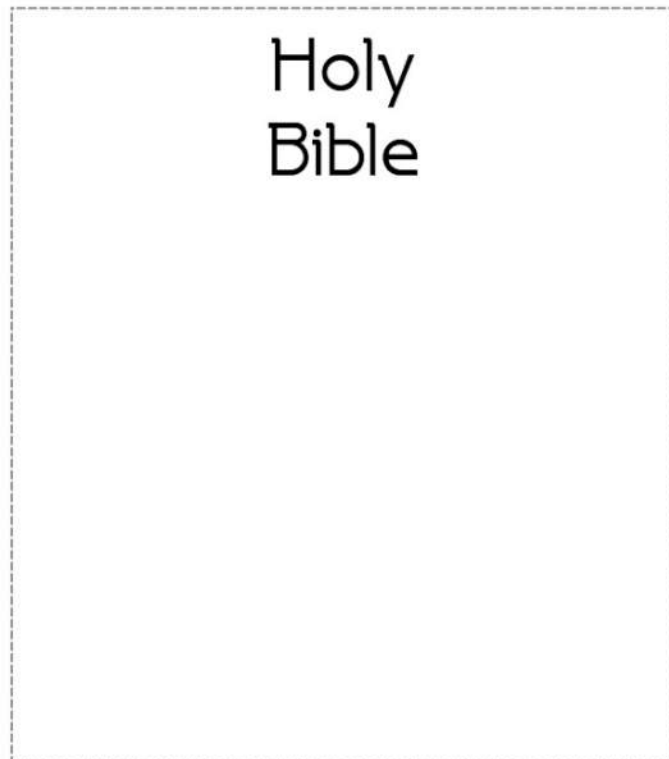
2. ____ocks

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Activity Two - Connect the dashed lines to see where we find God's Word. Draw a cross on the Bible also.



Jesus has taken away my sins and reveals Himself through the Holy Scriptures.

Passage

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hymn - TLH #49 v. 1, 2

Almighty God, Thy Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of Christ and man
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

We ask You for a strong faith which grows in a heart filled with Your love like the seed that fell on good ground. Thank You for sending Jesus to forgive our sins and for sending the Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word. Please help us spread the Word of forgiveness to others. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15



The Story

One day, Jesus and His disciples needed rest, so they traveled in a boat across the Sea of Galilee to a place where not many people lived. They hoped that by doing this they would be able—at least for a little while—to avoid the large crowds of people who always gathered around Jesus in other parts of Galilee.

When Jesus and His disciples got to where they were going, they found that many people had followed them there, too. Jesus and the disciples would not be able to rest, as they had hoped; but instead of becoming angry, Jesus taught the people about the Kingdom of God, and He healed those who were sick.

Jesus knew that soon the crowds of people would be very hungry, so He tested the faith of His twelve disciples by asking them where they could get food, so that all these crowds of people could eat. The disciples

knew that they couldn't buy food for that many people, but they should have remembered that Jesus is the Son of God, and then turned to Him in faith to meet whatever the needs might be. Instead, their faith was weak, and they thought there was no way to solve the problem.

Jesus knew all along what He would do. He performed a miracle. He took five loaves of bread, and two broiled fish, and had the disciples pass them out to the people. Jesus caused the bread and fish to increase, so that when they were all finished, 5,000 men had eaten all they wanted, and there were still twelve baskets full of fish and bread left over.

By performing this miracle, Jesus not only gave His disciples a lesson about faith, He also proved that He is the Son of God, the Messiah promised in the Bible, who would save us from our sins.

Jesus feeds five thousand men.

We can trust Jesus to provide food for us.

Activity One - *Who Remembers the Story?* Teacher, read the following questions and answers to the class one set at a time, and have the students circle the letter of the right answer. Alternatively, read all the answers, then have the pupils raise their hands for the correct answer as you read the answers a second time. After each question, give the right answer. Do this as a game, rather than as a quiz. This also provides review/reteach opportunities.

1. Jesus and His disciples needed rest, so they went to
 - A. Disneyland.
 - B. bed.
 - C. a place where not many people lived.
 - D. Jerusalem.

2. When Jesus and the disciples got to where they were going,
 - A. they spent the day resting.
 - B. many people were already there.
 - C. they became lost.
 - D. they went for a hike.

3. Which of the following things did Jesus **NOT** do?
 - A. teach the people about the Kingdom of God
 - B. heal those who were sick
 - C. perform a miracle to feed all the people
 - D. tell the crowds to go away, so that He could rest

4. What mistake did the disciples make?
 - A. they couldn't catch any fish
 - B. they tried to sneak away, to get some rest
 - C. they brought too much food
 - D. they didn't simply trust Jesus to be able take care of any need, including this one (feeding the people)

5. What great truth should we remember from this lesson?
 - A. The works Jesus did prove that He is the Son of God.
 - B. Always take extra food when you go on a trip.
 - C. The disciples always applied their faith in the right way.
 - D. Jesus was not popular with the people of Galilee.

Activity Two - Art Work - Teacher, have the students draw pictures illustrating the following themes (You may wish to prepare in advance a few "outline" pictures for coloring in, in case some pupils balk at drawing their own):

1. Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 people, using only five barley loaves and two fish.
2. Jesus and His disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee in a boat.
3. The disciples didn't know how to solve the problem of feeding so many people.
4. (Not a "theme") Draw loaves and fish, showing how many of each Jesus used to feed 5,000 people.

Passage - Teacher, explain the meaning of this Scripture ("the miracles performed by Jesus prove that He is truly the Son of God, and our Savior from sin"), and spend five minutes helping the children to memorize it.

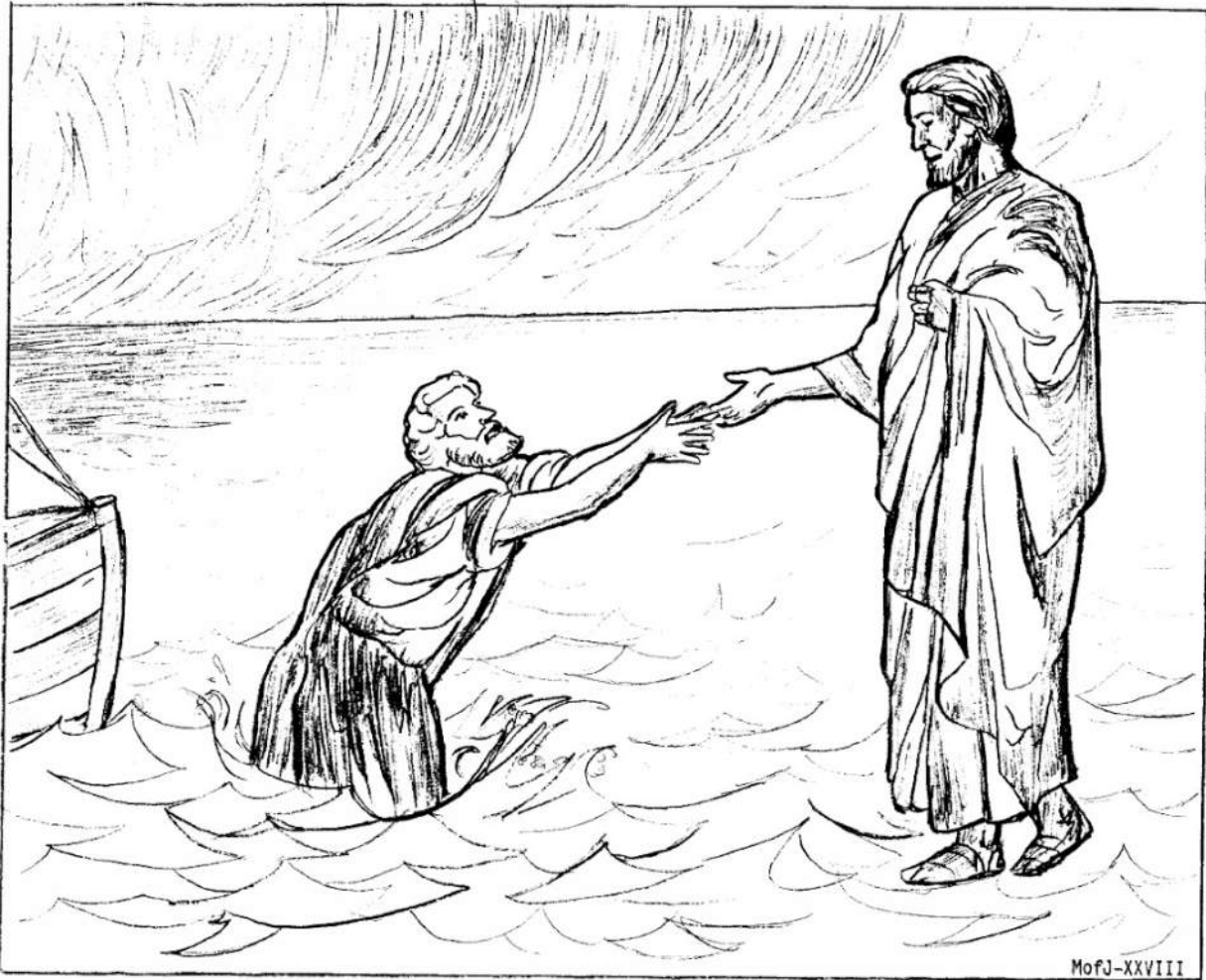
**The works that I do in My Father's name,
they bear witness of Me. John 10:25**

Hymn & Prayer - TLH #644

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Jesus Walks on the Water

Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21



The Story

Jesus had just finished feeding the 5000 people. The people wanted to make Him king. That was not what Jesus wanted. He told the people to go home. He had His disciples get into a boat to go to the other side of the lake. He went up on a mountain to pray by Himself.

When it was evening, the disciples in the boat were in the middle of the lake. They were trying to cross the lake, but the wind was so strong they couldn't. Jesus was not with them. He was alone on the mountain.

But Jesus did not stay on the land. The disciples needed His help. In the middle of the night, Jesus walked on the water toward the boat. When the disciples saw Him coming they were very scared and said, "It is a ghost."

But Jesus spoke right away and told them not to be afraid. He said, "Be happy. It's Jesus. Do not be afraid."

Peter answered Jesus. "Lord, if it is You, tell me to come to You on the water."

Jesus told Peter to come. So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.

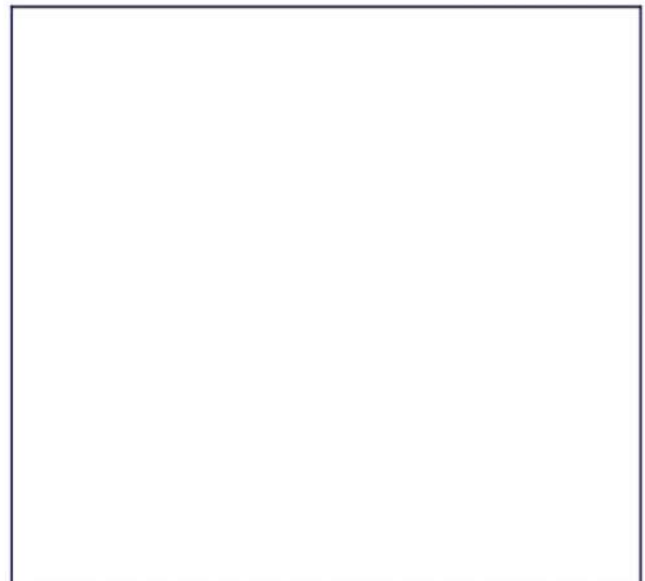
All of a sudden, Peter saw the big waves and became scared. He started to sink. He called out to Jesus to save him. Jesus reached out His hand and helped Peter. Jesus asked Peter why he had

doubted Him.

Then Jesus stepped into the boat. As soon as He did, the storm stopped—the wind stopped blowing and the lake became calm! The boat was also on the other side of the lake. The disciples weren't in the middle of the lake any longer.

The disciples worshiped their Savior in thankfulness. "Truly, You are the Son of God."

Activity One - What makes you afraid? Draw a picture of what makes you afraid.



**You don't need to be afraid
because Jesus is with you.**

Activity Two - Fill a small tub with water. Put each object in the water. If it floats, draw its picture in the FLOAT box. If it sinks, draw its picture in the NOT FLOAT box.

| <u>Float</u> | <u>Objects</u> Wood Boat Rock Penny Cork Pen | <u>Not Float</u> |
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*Do people float?
Can they walk on water?
Why could Peter walk on water?
Why could Jesus walk on water?*

Passage - Memorize this passage by saying it together with your class and teacher.

Do not be afraid. Matthew 14:27

Prayer

Thank You, Jesus, for always being with me. Amen.

The Woman of Canaan

Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30



The Story

Jesus wanted some time alone. He went to the country of Tyre and Sidon, so He could be alone. The people in this place were Canaanites. Many did not worship the true God. One of these women came to Jesus for help. She had a daughter who was very sick. Even though she was a Gentile, the woman had learned about Jesus. She knew Jesus was the Savior and cried to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me O Lord, Son of David!" Then she asked Jesus to make her daughter well.

At first, Jesus did not answer the woman. He was testing her faith. The disciples wanted to send

her away, but the woman kept praying for Jesus to help her.

Then Jesus told the Gentile woman that He was sent first to help the lost sheep of Israel. The woman worshiped Jesus and said, "True, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from the masters' table." She was certain Jesus would answer her prayer.

Jesus saw the great faith of the Gentile woman. He said, "O, woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you ask." When the woman returned home, she found her daughter had been healed in that same hour!

Activity One - Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

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|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| help | prayer | Savior | faith | Jesus |
|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|

1. The woman knew Jesus is the _____.
2. She prayed to Jesus to _____ heal her daughter.
3. Jesus said she had great _____.
4. Jesus answered her _____.
5. _____ hears my prayers too.

Prayer

We know you are our Savior and you hear our prayers. Thank you for all our blessings. Amen

Activity Two - Cut out the boxes and glue them to a folded paper to make a get-well card for someone who is sick. Try to memorize the passage from Psalms as you are coloring and cutting.

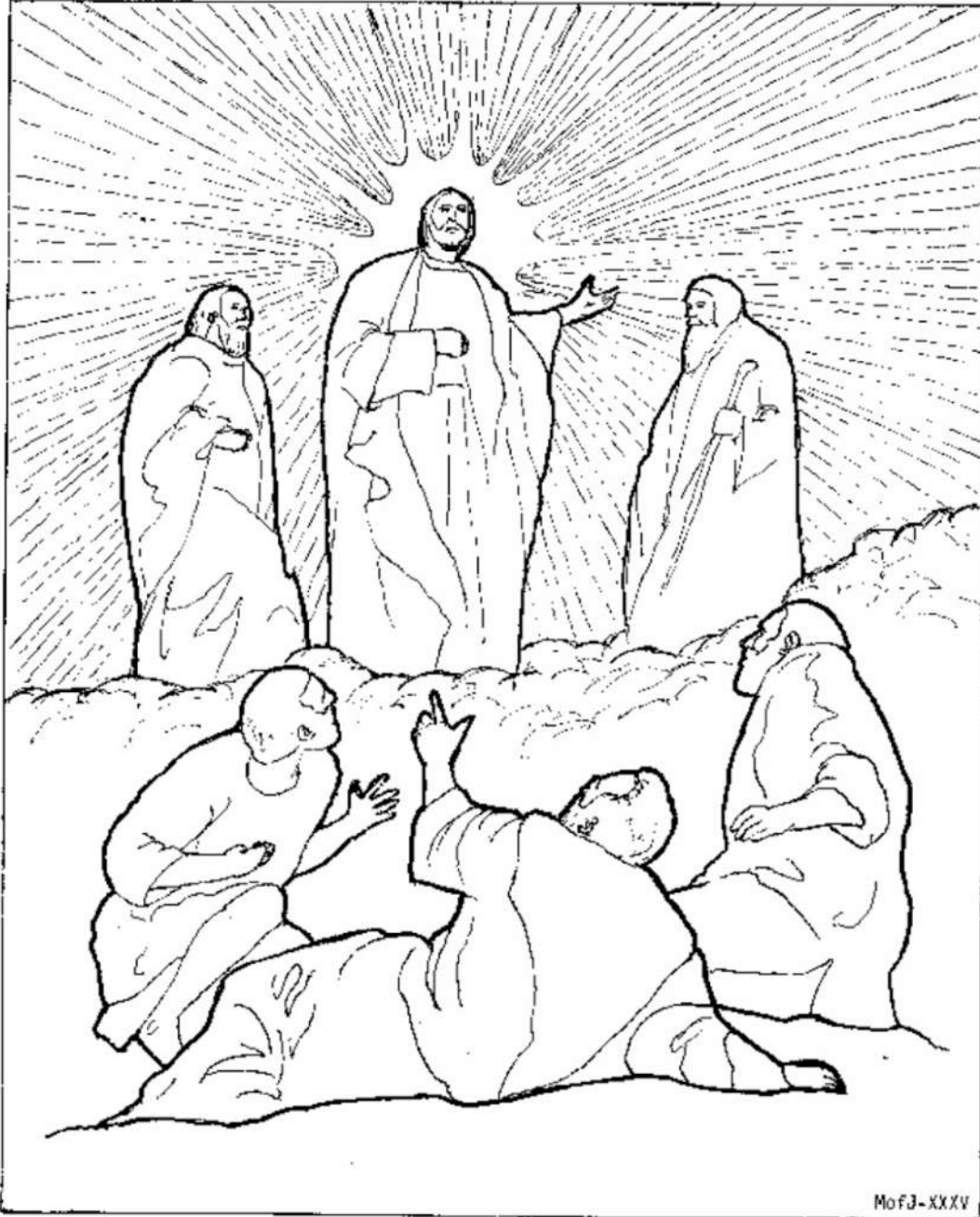


**Call upon Me in
the day of trouble;
I will deliver you,
and you shall
glorify Me.
Psalm 50:15**

**May Jesus
help you to
get well**

The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36



The Story

Jesus is God, but some people wanted Him to be king on earth. Jesus knew heaven was better.

One day, Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him. Jesus prayed. He started to shine. His clothes were white like snow.

Elijah and Moses suddenly were by Jesus. They talked about when Jesus would die and rise.

Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, can we make three tents for Moses, Elijah, and you?"

Suddenly, a cloud came and covered the disciples and Jesus. God said, "This is My Son. Hear Him!"

Peter, James and John were afraid. They hid. Jesus touched them and said, "Do not fear."

Suddenly, the cloud, Elijah, and Moses were all gone! Jesus said, "Keep this a secret." Peter, James and John kept the secret in their hearts until Jesus returned to heaven.

Review

1. Color Jesus so that he is shining. Why was he so white?
2. Color the disciples who were afraid. Why were they afraid?
3. Color Moses and Elijah. How were they different from the disciples?
4. Color the cloud. Who spoke from the cloud?
5. Which of the people in the picture is God?

Activity - Cut a large cloud shape out of a piece of paper. Tape it to the picture so you can show how the cloud dropped down to cover Jesus and the disciples. Use the picture to tell the story.

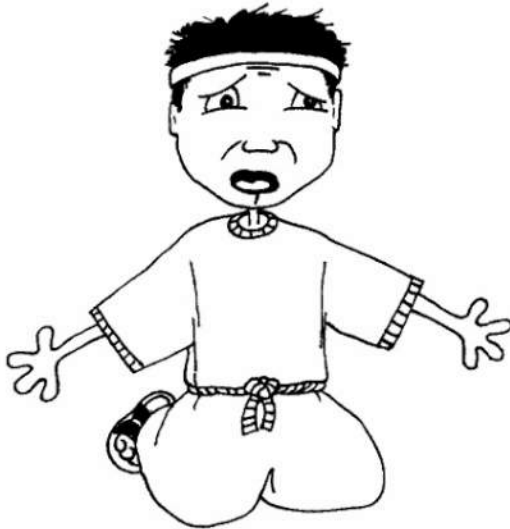
Passage - "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" *Matthew 17:5*

Prayer

Thank You, God, for showing us that Jesus is Your Son. Thank You for sending Him to save us from our sins. Thank You, Jesus, for dying for us. Help us to always show that we love You for what You have done. Amen.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:21-35



Servant 1 Begging



King

The Story

Introduction:

What if one of your friends or your brother or sister took your place in line? Or perhaps your color crayon? Or sat down first on the chair you wanted to sit on? Or maybe took the last cookie? What would you do? Would it be hard to forgive them? Should you forgive them? Today we are going to learn about a man who had the chance to forgive. I want you to all listen very carefully and tell me if the man forgave his neighbor.

Prayer (Have the students repeat each marked section during the prayer.) Dear Father in Heaven/ Help us to listen carefully/ so we can learn more from Your Word./ Help us to learn how to forgive/ just like You forgave me./ In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prior to lesson the teacher should color, cut out and glue pieces of felt on the flannel graph figures. These figures can be used to tell the lesson.



While Jesus lived on this earth He told many stories to His disciples and those who followed Him. These stories were used to teach Jesus' followers about the Bible. These stories were called parables. (Students can repeat this word slowly along with the teacher.) Today we are going to hear one of these stories that Jesus told.

One day there was a king who had servants who owed him money. One of these servants owed him a very large amount of money. He owed the king 10,000 talents, that is equal to millions of dollars today.

The servant did not have the money to pay. Because he could not pay the debt the king decided to sell the man's wife, children and all the servant owned. The servant got on his knees and begged the king saying, "Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all."

The king felt sorry for him and said he would not have to pay back any of the money. The king canceled the debt.

That servant left the king and went out and found a fellow servant that owed him money. That other servant only owed the first servant 100 denarii, which is a few dollars. This was a very small debt compared to what the first servant had owed the king. He grabbed his fellow servant and began to choke him demanding, "Pay back what you owe me!"

This other servant got down on his knees and began to beg saying, "Be patient with me and I will pay you back."

The servant refused to listen. He had his fellow servant thrown into prison until he would be able to pay back the few dollars.

Other servants saw what this servant did to his fellow servant and they went and told the king. The king was angry. The king said to the servant, "You wicked servant! I

forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?" The king now had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

After Jesus was done with the story He said that this is how our Heavenly Father will treat us if we do not forgive our brothers.

This story was told by Jesus in answer to a question that He had been asked by Peter His disciple. Who was Peter? (Peter was the disciple who had walked on water toward Jesus.) Today the question Peter asked Jesus was, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

Peter wanted to know how many times he should forgive his brother and he thought maybe up to seven times. That seemed like a lot of times to forgive one person.

(How many times do you think we should forgive those who sin against us? More than seven times? Less than seven times?)

Jesus answered him, "I do not say to you up to seven times, but seventy times seven." (How many of you know what seventy times seven is? This equals 490!) Was Jesus saying that you should count every time you forgive your brother and when you get to the 491st time you should quit?

Do you think Jesus really wants you to count every time you forgive someone? Jesus was saying that you should not count the number of times you forgive but you should always forgive no matter how many times someone sins against you. Forgiveness should be without an end.

Jesus told a parable about the forgiveness of sins.

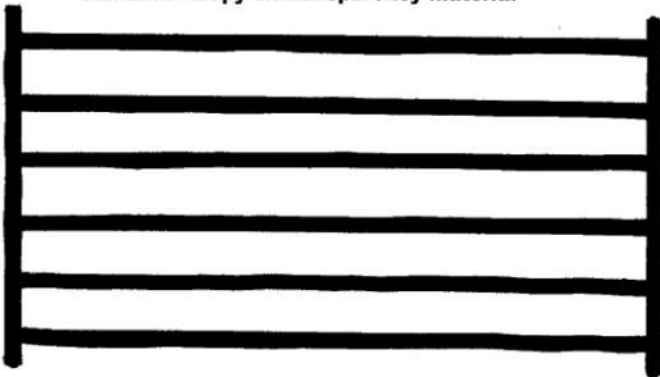
Activity One - Answer these questions together in class.

1. Did the servant forgive his fellow servant?
2. What did he do to the servant?
3. What should the servant have done?
4. Who is our fellow brother?
5. How many times should we forgive them?
6. Why should we forgive?
7. How many of our sins did Jesus (the King) forgive?
8. What did we do to get this forgiveness?
9. How do we receive this forgiveness?

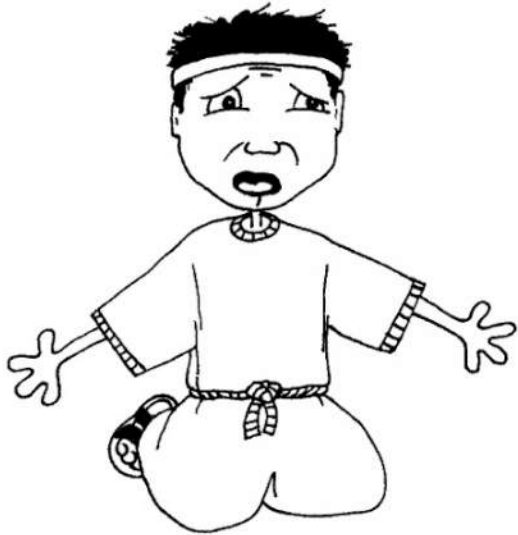
Activity Two

- Have the students color, cut out and glue the figures to popsicle sticks. As the students are working on the figures the teacher could discuss and review the story. If time allows the teacher should give some of the students a chance to retell the story using their own figures.

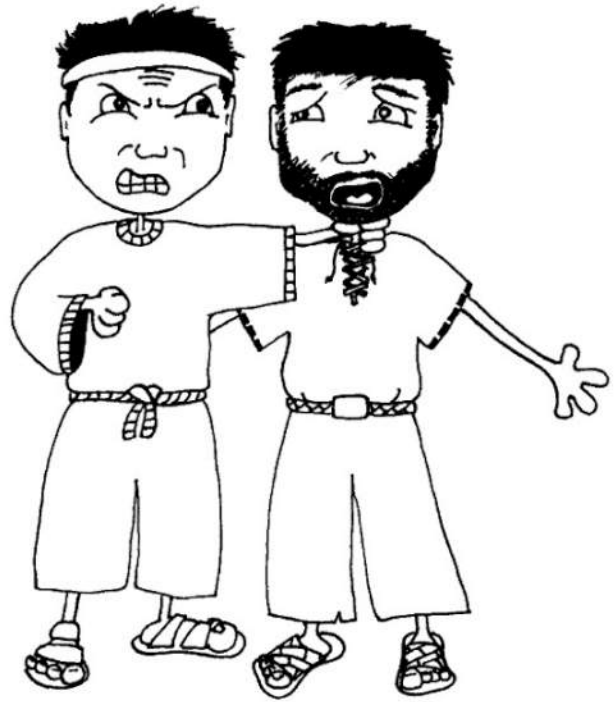
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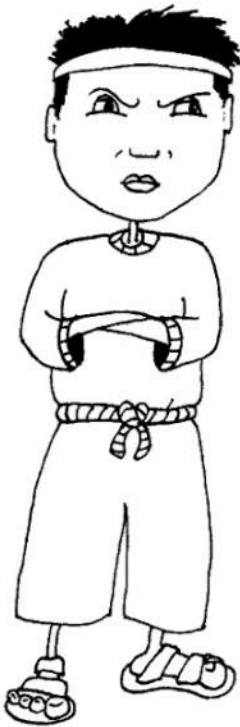
King



Servant 1 Begging



Servant 1 Choking Servant 2



Servant 1

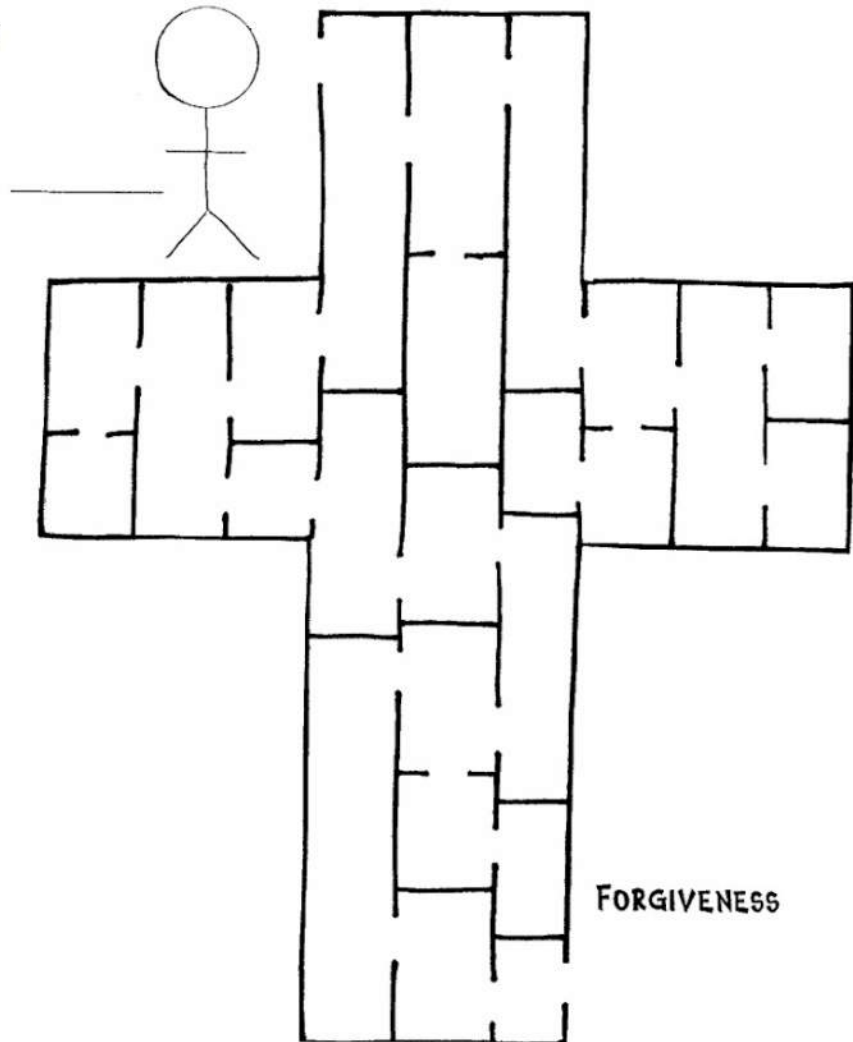


Servant 2

We are to forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven us.

Activity Three -

Put your name on the line by the stick person and draw a face. Try to find a path to forgiveness through the cross of Jesus Christ.



Passage

Luke 23:34 - Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Hymn - TLH #412 v. 1

May we Thy precepts, Lord,
fulfil
And do on earth our
Father's will
As angels do above;
Still walk in Christ, the living
Way,
With all Thy children and
obey
The law of Christian love.

or "Forgiveness Is For Me" the tune "The B-I-B-L-E"

Forgiveness is for me,
If I a Christian be,
God has forgiven all my sins,
Paid my debt for free.

Because of what He's done,
Through the death of His Son,
I will forgive those who hurt me,
A life of love begun.

Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

Pharisee & Publican

Luke 18:9-14



The Story

When Jesus lived on this earth, He used special stories to teach people certain truths about the kingdom of God. Jesus used examples from everyday life in these stories which are called parables.

One day Jesus told a parable to warn the Pharisees that they couldn't be saved by doing good things for God. The Pharisees were a group of people who were very proud. They thought they were better than other people. They also thought that they didn't need a Savior.

This is Jesus' parable: There were two men who went to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who thought that he kept God's law. The other man was a publican or a tax collector. In those days many tax collectors cheated people by collecting too much money from them. They were hated by most people.

The Pharisee stood where everyone could see him when he prayed. He thanked God that he wasn't like other men who did sinful things like lying and stealing. He also thanked God that he wasn't like the

tax collector. Then he told God about all the good things he did. He fasted or went without food twice a week and gave a lot of money to the church. He didn't ask God to forgive his sins because he didn't think he had sinned.

The tax collector realized that he was sinful. He was ashamed of the things he had done. He stood way off in a corner and hung his head in shame. He prayed, "Lord be merciful to me, a sinner."

After Jesus had told this parable, He said, " Now I tell you, this man (the tax collector) went home with his sins forgiven. For everyone who brags about himself before God will be humbled or brought down, but whoever humbles himself and admits his sinfulness will be lifted up or honored by God."

In this parable, Jesus wants to teach us that we are all sinful and not better than other people. We can not do anything to earn forgiveness or salvation. It is only through Jesus' death that we can be saved.

The Pharisee trusted in himself. The Publican looked to Jesus for salvation.

Believers rely only on Jesus for salvation.

Activity One - When we pray, Jesus wants us to come to Him with a heart that is humble and not proud. We ask Jesus to create in us a clean heart. That means we want Him to forgive our sins and help us to live as His children.

Color this spiral heart and cut on the dotted lines. Tie a string through the hole in the middle of the small heart. It can be hung from your ceiling to remind you of Jesus' love for you.



Activity Two - Find the letter that goes with the number below each blank, and you will have the words that we should pray. Use the code in the box.

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Passages

Luke 18:13b - God be merciful to me a sinner!

Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Hymn - WS #709 v. 1, 3, 4

God loves me dearly, grants me salvation;
 God loves me dearly, loves even me.
 Therefore I'll say again:
 God loves me dearly,
 God loves me dearly, loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer;
 He sent forth Jesus and set me free.
 Therefore...

Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
 Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed.
 Therefore...

Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, keep us from being proud like the Pharisee. We sin every day and need your forgiveness just like the tax collector. Make us realize that it was our sins that caused Jesus' suffering and death. Please forgive all our sins for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Jesus and the Children

Matthew 18:1-6; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 9:46-48



Draw a circle around the picture of the person that you think is the most important person.



Today we will hear what Jesus says about being an important person.

The Story

As the disciples were with Jesus one day, they started arguing. They wanted to know who was the most important. Jesus knew what they were thinking.

The disciples asked him, "Who is best in heaven?"

Then Jesus picked up a little child. He said, "Become like children, or you will never go to heaven. Whoever is like a little child is best in heaven. Treat little children like you treat me. The smallest are the greatest to me.

Whoever tricks a little one

to sin has sinned so badly that it would be better if a big rock was tied around his neck and he was thrown into the sea to drown.

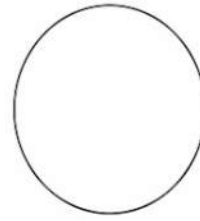
Another time, babies were brought to Jesus. The disciples told them the people with the babies to go away.

Jesus didn't like what He saw. He said, "I want little children to come to Me. Do not make them go away. The kingdom of heaven is made for them too. Older people should believe like little children do." Then He touched the little

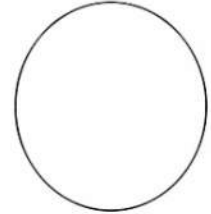
children and blessed them.

Activity One - Draw faces to answer these questions.

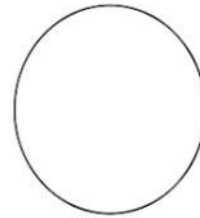
How did Jesus feel about the children?



How did the disciples feel about the children?



How did the children feel about Jesus?



Activity Two - Look at the first page of the lesson.

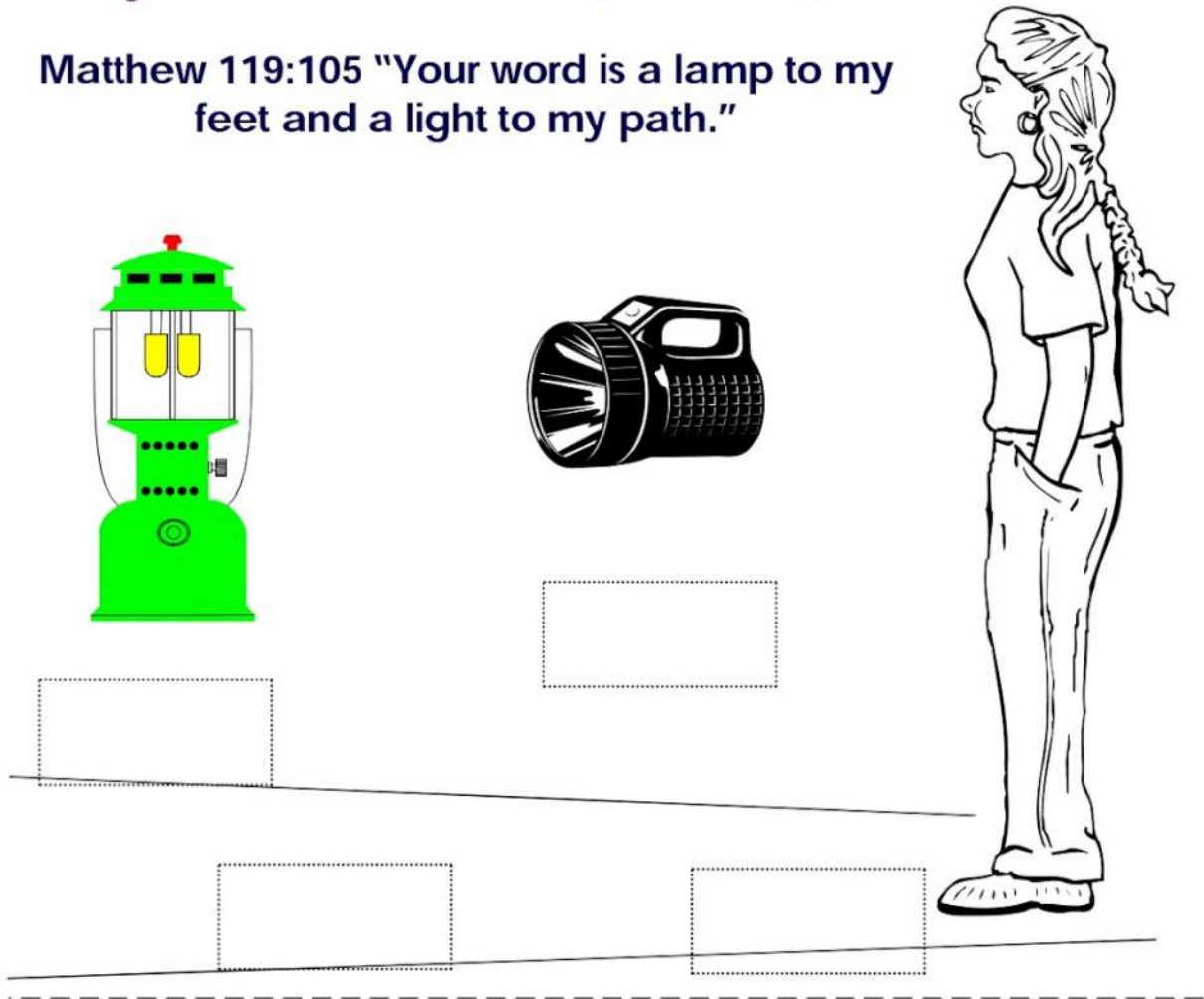
- Color the three people that Jesus said are very important.
- What makes little children so important?
- How can an adult become like a little child?

Prayer

Thank You, God, for giving me Your Word, the Bible. Thank you, Jesus, for taking all my sins away. Amen.

Activity Three - Cut out the words and glue them to the picture.

Matthew 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."



feet

light

lamp

path

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37



The Story

Jesus often used stories about everyday life to teach about God and His Kingdom. These stories are called parables. Today we are going to hear Jesus teaching a parable to answer this question: **"How do we show love to our neighbor?"**

One day, a man who taught in the temple spoke to Jesus. He was trying to trick Jesus into saying something wrong. The man asked Jesus, "What do I have to do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered, "What is written in the Bible?"

The man said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all you mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said, "You answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."

But the man asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus wanted the man to know that love for our neighbor can be seen in our words and actions. Jesus told the man this story to help him understand.

A man was walking down a road. Robbers hurt him, and left him lying on the road. Soon, a priest walked by, but he didn't want to help the man lying wounded. Instead, he walked by on the other side of the road.

Next, a helper from the temple came by. He looked at the wounded man, and walked by without helping.

Finally, a man from Samaria walked up to the injured man and felt sorry for him. He stopped, and bandaged the man's wounds. He took him to an inn, and took care of him there. The next day, the Samaritan paid the owner of the inn to take care of the injured man.

After Jesus had finished telling this story, He asked the temple teacher this question: "Which of these three men treated the wounded man as his neighbor?"

The man said, "The one who was kind to him."

Jesus said, "Go, and do the same."

Activity One - Color in the heart if the sentence is true. Do nothing if the sentence is false.



A man was hurt by robbers.



The temple worker helped the man.



The priest helped the man.

Passage - Write each set of letters in backwards order. You will see a passage from the story.

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Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Today we heard that we show love for our neighbor with words and actions. You loved us so much that You died on the cross to take away our sins. Now we will live forever with You! Thank You, Jesus! Please help us to show love for others by all that we think, say and do. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Mary & Martha

Luke 10



Hearing God's Word was the most important thing for Mary.

The Story

Not far from Jerusalem, there was a little village called Bethany. Jesus had special friends who lived there. They were sisters, named Mary and Martha. Their brother, Lazarus, also lived with them.

One day when Jesus came to Bethany, Martha invited Him to come to their house for a meal.

Martha was very busy preparing the meal for Jesus. She wanted to show her love for Him by cooking a good meal.

While Martha was working, Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to every word He said. He was teaching her the Word of God.

Martha thought that Mary should be helping her with the meal. There was a lot of work to be done. Martha thought that cooking a good meal was more important than just sitting and listening to Jesus.

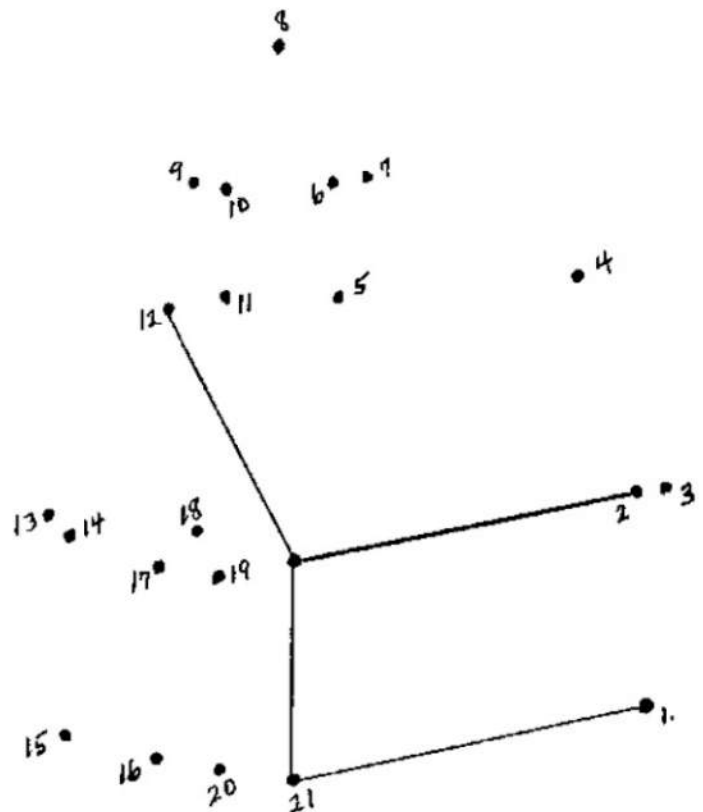
Finally, Martha came to Jesus and said, "Don't You care that my sister is just sitting there while I'm doing all the work by myself? Please tell her to come and help me."

But Jesus said, "Martha, Martha, you are worried about

many things, but Mary is doing the most important thing. She is listening to the Word of God, and she will always remember what she has learned. No one can ever take that away from her."

Hearing the Word of God is more important than anything else that we do in this life. We need to try to be more like Mary, and always hear and learn God's Word whenever we can.

Activity One - Connect the dots to see one of the places where we can sit at Jesus' feet and hear His Word. Color the picture.



Activity Two - Listen to the following sentences. If the sentence is true, color the happy face. If it is not true, color the sad face.



1. Mary and Martha were sisters.



2. Martha wanted to serve Jesus by preparing a meal.



3. Mary should have helped Martha with the meal.



4. It was all right for Martha to get angry at Mary.



5. Mary chose the best thing to do.



6. We should be more like Mary.



7. It's all right to stay home from church and cook a meal for the pastor.



8. God's Word is the most important thing in our life.

Activity Three - There are many places where we can hear and learn the Word of God. Find these and circle them.



Hearing God's Word is the most important thing for us.

Passages

Luke 11:28 - Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Hymn

 - TLH #285 st. 1

How precious is the Book Divine,
By inspiration giv'n!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
To guide our souls to heav'n.

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,
Help us to be more like Mary and always be happy to hear and learn Your Word whenever we have a chance. We know that You will bless us through the hearing of Your Word. We need to put You first in our lives, because You are the way to eternal life. Amen

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32



The Prodigal Son (The Wasteful Son)- Luke 15:11-32

Jesus told this parable to teach an important lesson:

A man had two sons. The younger one said, "Father, give me my inheritance." So the father divided up his things.

Soon, the younger son took his part. He went away. He wasted everything.

Then the land had a famine. The younger son was starving. In order to survive, he fed pigs for a farmer. The younger son was so hungry he would have even eaten the pigs' food.

Then he thought, "My father's hired servants have more than enough to eat. I'm dying of hunger! I will go to my father. I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I shouldn't be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

So the younger son went back home to his father. When he was still far away, his father saw him and loved him. He ran and kissed his son.

The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I shouldn't be called your son."

But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his hand. Put sandals on his feet. Bring the best calf here and kill it. Let us eat and be merry. This son of mine was dead and now is alive again. He was lost and is found." To celebrate, they had a feast.

Jesus taught an important lesson in this parable: that everyone of us who comes back to our Heavenly Father is welcomed with open arms.

Review

1. Color the son returning to his father. Why did he expect his father to be mad?
2. Color the father. Why was he waiting for his son?
3. How does God feel about us?
4. How does God feel about sin?

Activity - God's Word tells us, "If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat."
 (2 Thessalonians 3:10) Match the jobs you can do with its picture.

rake leaves ●

pick up toys ●

put away clothes ●

set the table ●

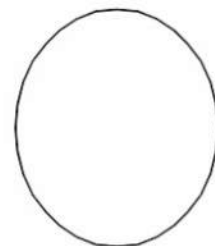
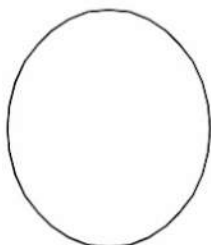


What God Tells Us - Write the words in the boxes and make a sad face under "SIN" and a happy face under "FORGIVES."

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Write "SIN"

Write "FORGIVES"



Passages

Psalms 103:12 - "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

How close are east and west? Do we have to fear that we are sinful?

1 John 4:19 - "We love Him because He first loved us."

Does God love us even though we are sinful?

John 15:9 - "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you;
abide in My love."

What causes us to love at all?

Hymn - TLH #325 v. 2

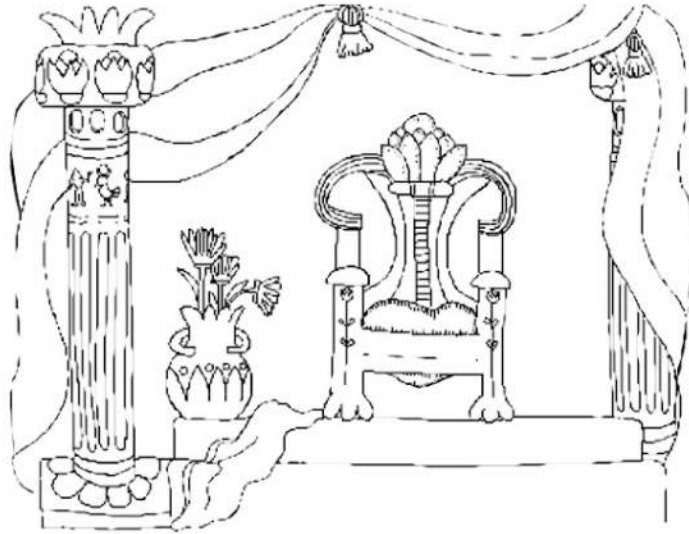
Create my nature pure within
And form my soul averse to sin;
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart
Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, in this parable You have shown me how much I am loved by my Father in heaven. God the Father has freely forgiven me all my sins. Help me share that saving message of forgiveness with others. In Jesus' name I ask this. Amen.

The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31



The Story

Jesus often told parables (stories) to help people understand important things. He taught this parable for people who were lovers of money. We can also learn from this lesson.

This is the story Jesus told about a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus.

The rich man wore fancy purple clothes. He had a life full of riches.

The poor man, named Lazarus, had to beg for food. His body was full of sores. Lazarus laid at the gate of the rich man's home hoping to be fed the crumbs of food which fell from the rich man's table. The dogs came and licked the poor man's sores.

Both the rich man and Lazarus died. Lazarus was carried by angels to heaven. The rich man was buried and went to hell. He felt terrible pain in hell. The rich man looked up and saw Lazarus living with Abraham in heaven.

The rich man cried and said, "Father Abraham, please send

Lazarus. Have him dip his finger in water and put a drop on my tongue. The water will cool my tongue in these fires of hell."

Abraham said to the rich man, "Remember that when you lived on earth you had good things and Lazarus suffered much. Now Lazarus has great joy and you are suffering. Besides, no one in heaven can go to you. No one in hell can come to heaven."

The rich man then asked Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth. He wanted Lazarus to warn his brothers about hell.

Abraham answered the rich man, "Your brothers have the Word of God, they should listen to the Word and believe it."

The rich man said, "Abraham, they won't believe God's Word, but they will believe someone from the dead."

Abraham told the rich man, "Only those who hear God's Word and believe it will have eternal life in heaven."

Review - Color the happy face if the sentence is true. Do not color the face if the sentence is false.

- ☺ 1. The rich man loved God.
- ☺ 2. Lazarus loved God
- ☺ 3. Lazarus went to heaven.
- ☺ 4. The rich man went to hell.
- ☺ 5. I believe God's Word.

Passages - Color the pictures.

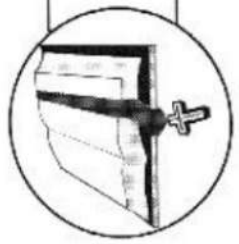
Ps. 119:105 "Your  is a  to my 
and a  for my ."

Sing - (To the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb")
Hear and learn the Word of God,
Word of God, Word of God,
Hear and learn the Word of God,
In church and Sunday School.

Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the Bible. Amen.

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and
a light to my path. *Psalm 119:105*



Color and cut out this bracelet

Lazarus Raised from the Dead

John 11:1-54



The Story

People die because of sin. In today's lesson, we hear about a man who dies. We learn what happens to his body when he dies, what Jesus calls death, and that Jesus has power over death.

There was a man who was sick. His name was Lazarus. He was the brother of Mary and Martha. They were all friends of Jesus. They knew Jesus could heal Lazarus, so they sent a message to Jesus telling Him that Lazarus was sick.

Jesus was in another town, and didn't come right away. He said Lazarus' sickness would give glory to God.

After two days, Jesus told his disciples that they would go see Lazarus and wake him up out of a sleep. The disciples were scared to go because the Jews had tried to kill Jesus earlier. But Jesus knew He wouldn't be killed yet.

When they got to Bethany where Mary and Martha lived, they heard that Lazarus had died four days earlier. Martha came to meet Jesus. She was sad because she thought that Jesus hadn't come

early enough to save her brother. Jesus said that Lazarus would rise again.

Martha knew Lazarus would be raised on Judgement Day when we all will rise again, but Jesus told her He was the Resurrection and the Life. Jesus says whoever believes in Him will never die.

Martha told Mary to go to Jesus. They were all sad. Jesus cried, too. Then Jesus told them to take the stone away from the grave. Even though Lazarus had been dead four days, Jesus made him alive again! But even after this miracle, some people still wanted to kill Jesus.

Because of sin, our bodies rot when we die. It is God's way of getting rid of dead things.

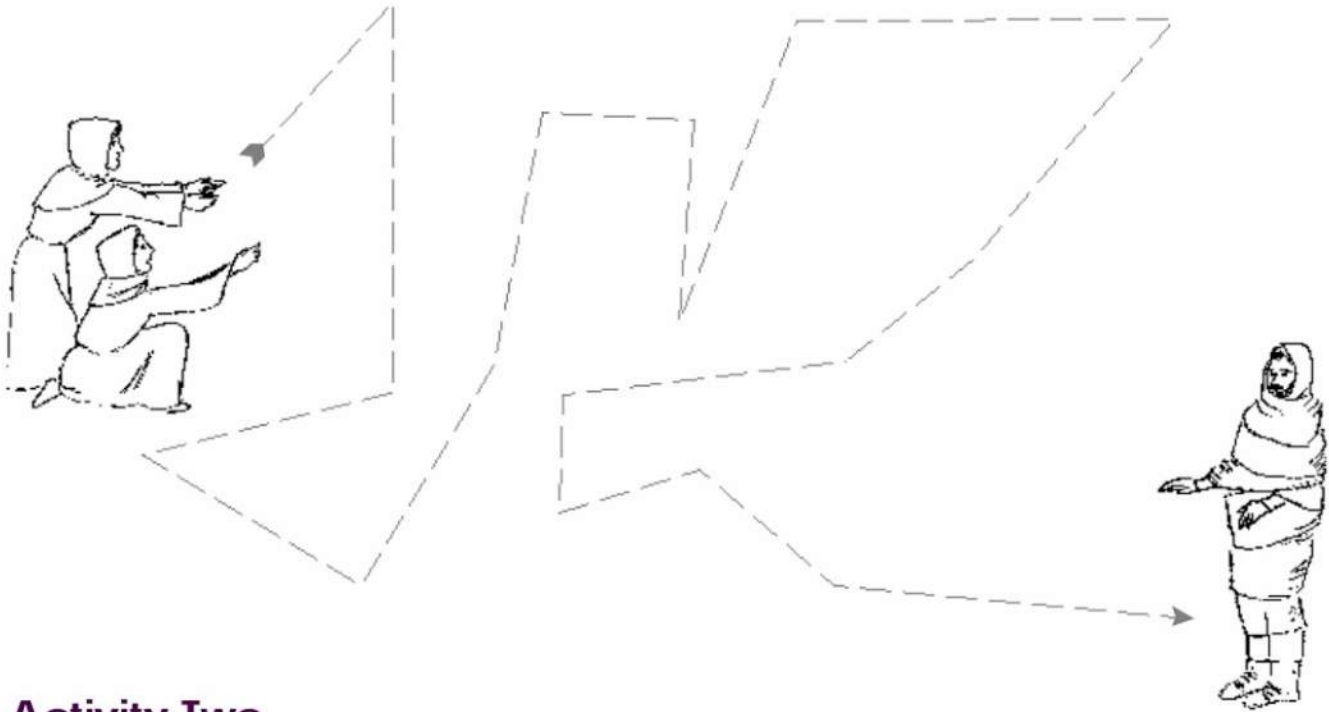
Jesus calls death a sleep. We don't have to be afraid, because we know we will rise again to live with Jesus. Jesus is God, and is more powerful than death. He died on the cross to save us from our sins, and because He didn't stay dead, we won't either.

Passages

John 11:25 - Jesus said to her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

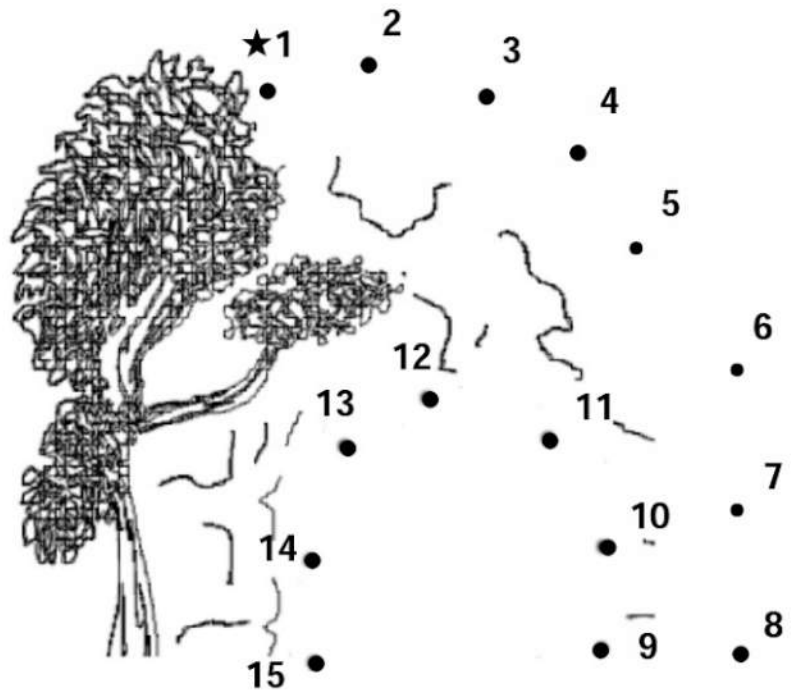
Job 19:25 - For I know that my Redeemer lives.

Activity One - Help Mary and Martha get to Lazarus by tracing the path.



Activity Two -

Connect the dots to see where Lazarus came out.



Hymn - TLH #200 v. 1

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everliving Head.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank You for dying for our sins. Thank You for also rising so that we too will rise from the dead and go to heaven, unless You come to earth first. Please help us to learn Your Holy Word. Keep our faith strong.
Amen.

Activity Three - Make a get well or sympathy card. Cut along the dotted line. Fold in half so the words are on the outside and draw a picture on the inside. Give it to someone who is sick or sad about the death of a loved one.-----



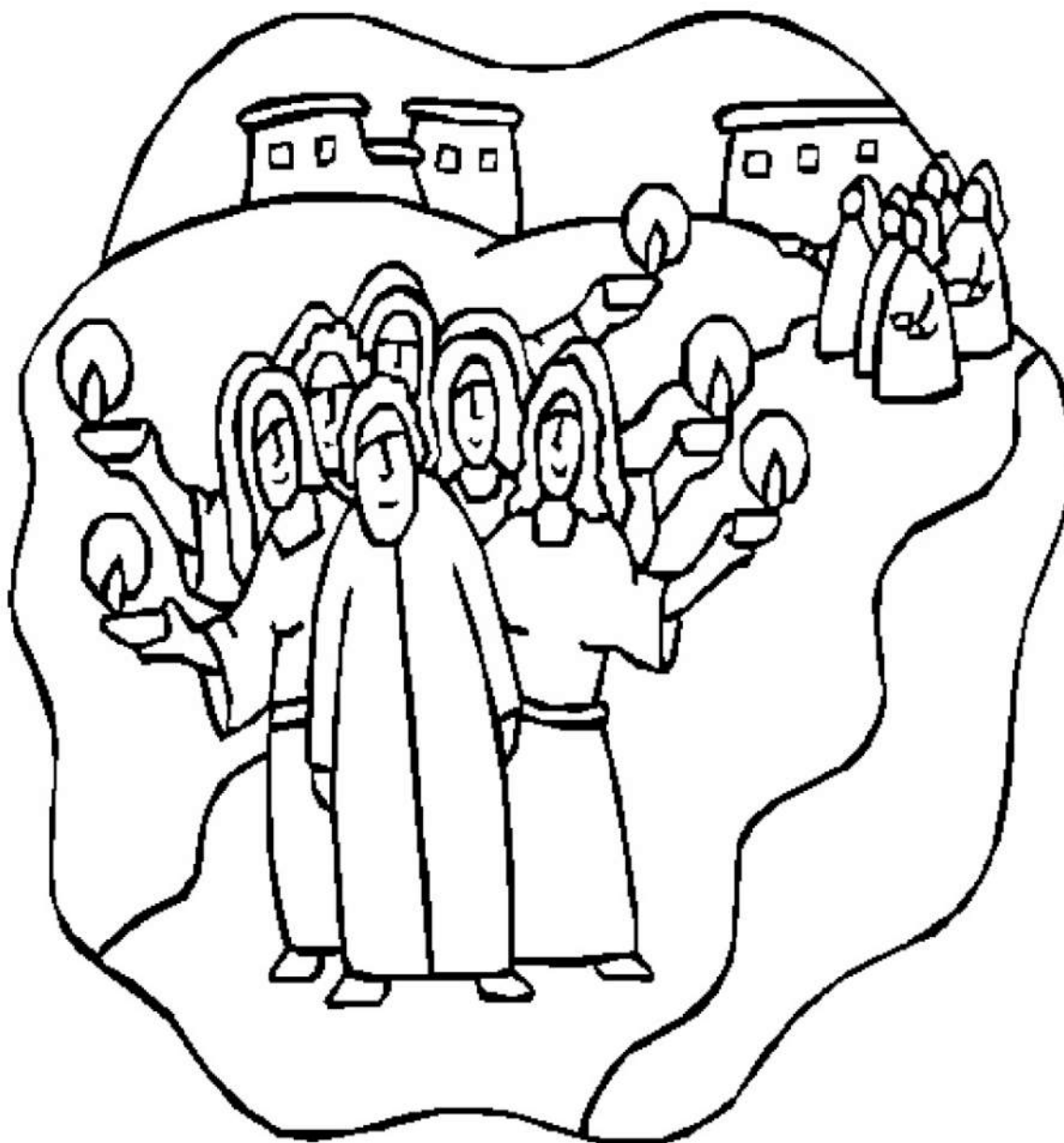
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"I am the Resurrection
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The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13



The Story

While Jesus was on the Mount of Olives with His disciples, He told the disciples a story about Heaven. The kingdom of heaven is like ten young women, called virgins. They are called virgins because they are not married yet. These ten young women took their lamps and went to meet a bridegroom (the man who was getting married)

Five of the virgins were wise (smart). The other five virgins were foolish (not smart). Those who were foolish did not take any oil for their lamps. The virgins that were wise did take oil for their lamps.

While the virgins were waiting for the bridegroom to come, they fell asleep. At midnight someone called out: "The bridegroom is coming. Go out to meet him."

All of the virgins got up and lighted their lamps (because it was dark out). The virgins who were foolish said to the wise virgins, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps have burned out."

But the wise virgins answered saying, "No, we cannot give you oil. If we do, there will not be enough for us. Go, buy yourselves some oil."

So, the foolish virgins went to buy themselves some oil. While they were gone the bridegroom came and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

Now no one else was welcome into the wedding. The foolish virgins arrived after the door was shut.

They knocked and called out, "Lord, Lord, open to us!" But the bridegroom would not let them in - they had come too late.

Jesus told this story to the disciples to teach them that they must always be ready for Christ's second coming. We too need to be ready when Jesus comes again to take us to heaven.

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

Jesus told a parable or story explaining Judgment Day.

Activity One - Have the children re-enact the story - Pick a boy to be the bridegroom and the others can be the ten virgins. Let the kids have fun with it, just as long as they are portraying what the Bible says.

Activity Two -Follow the directions to make a picture to help with the memory passage.

Matthew 24:42

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| <p>"Watch therefore, <i>* draw a pair of eyes or glasses to represent watching</i></p> | <p>for you do not know what hour <i>* draw a clock</i></p> | <p>your Lord is coming." <i>*draw Jesus coming on the last day</i></p> |
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When we die our soul will go to heaven to be with Jesus.

Passage

Matthew 24:44 - Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Hymn - TLH #609 v. 1

"Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take! Hallelujah!
With bridal care yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank You for sending Jesus to live a perfect life and to die for our sins on the cross.
Thank You also for sending the Holy Spirit into our hearts to give us faith. Please keep that lamp of faith full of oil from Your Word so that we are ready to meet You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.