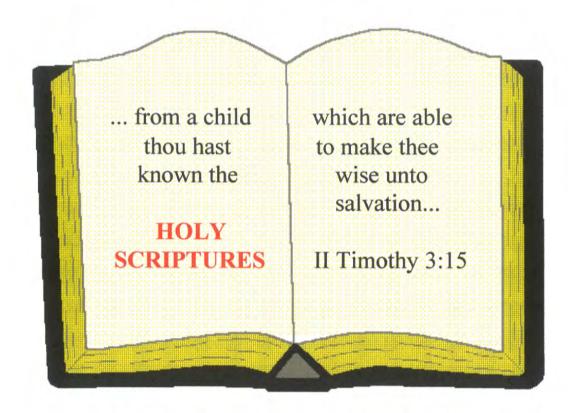
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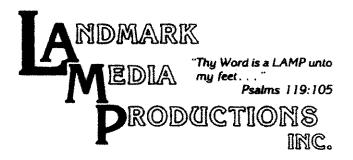
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To the Teacher:

"And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine: For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

Matthew 7:28-29

The lessons in Volume III deal with events early in the ministry of Jesus while He was proving himself to be the Son of God. He was recognized as a good man, probably a prophet, but the Jews did not accept Him as the promised messiah. His purpose in preaching and teaching for three years was to establish Himself as God's Son, the promised messiah, the coming king of Israel, and to gain a following in order to establish His church before He returned to heaven.

The lessons begin with His conversation with Nicodemus in Jerusalem where He had gone to observe the first Feast of the Passover since He had announced to the world that He was the Son of God. Some of the disciples who later became apostles were with Jesus at this time, and they traveled in Judea and began baptizing by His authority those who accepted His teachings. John the Baptist was placed in prison before His execution, and the church began baptizing. When there was some controversy about Jesus' disciples baptizing in Judea while John was still baptizing in Aenon, Jesus went back in the area of Galilee. This is where He spent most of His time, and performed many of the miracles recorded in the first four books of the New Testament.

Jesus preached in the synagogues throughout Galilee, and gained a great following. He spent much time while in Galilee teaching His disciples so they could carry on His work after He was gone. From the beginning of His ministry He began preparing them for His crucifixion.

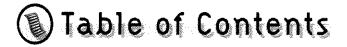
Even though the Jewish leaders did not accept Jesus as the messiah, they recognized that He had more knowledge of God, and more understanding of the scriptures than the scribes, who were the most knowledgeable of the Jews.

Use these lessons to emphasize that Jesus was the Son of God who came in human flesh and lived a perfect live upon the earth, which qualified Him to die for the sins of mankind. Make as many copies as you need of the worksheets, and use them to reinforce the lesson. At the end of the lessons there are some review pages to be used as you see fit.

May God bless you with understanding as you prepare so you can teach children that they might grasp the truths of the Bible while they are young.

Prayerfully submitted,

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John 3:10-17 Numbers 21:4-9

Nicodemus was a very important, influential man among the Jewish people. He was well educated. He was a lawyer, and sat on the highest court in the land. He was considered to be one of the three richest men in Jerusalem. He saw miracles that Jesus did while he was in Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. He knew Jesus must be a very important man. He knew he must be a man of God, or he could not do these miracles. No one had ever been able to do miracles except the prophets, and they did miracles to prove they had been sent from God to bring God's message to the people. John the Baptist had been preaching that Jesus was the Christ, the messiah that had come into the world after many hundreds of years that the Jews had been waiting. Nicodemus wanted to know who Jesus was. He wanted to talk to Jesus, but if the rulers of the synagogue knew he was interested in Jesus, they would object. If he became a follower of Jesus openly, they would put him out of the synagogue, and he could no longer serve on the Sanhedrin.

Nicodemus came to see Jesus during the night so he would be hidden by the darkness. He acknowledged him as a great teacher, because he said, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." Jesus taught him about being born again, or born from above; how to become a child of God. Nicodemus did not fully understand, because he asked Jesus in John 3:9, "How can these things be?" Jesus asked Nicodemus how he could know so much about the law of Moses and not understand what the law was teaching. The law taught the Jews they could not be perfect. But the Jews thought that they could be good, and by being good they would become perfect, and God would accept them into heaven when they died. They could not keep the law, and the punishment for breaking the law was death. The sacrifices they made pointed to Jesus who would come and make the supreme sacrifice. Sin demanded a price. The Son of God would come and pay the price. They were supposed to learn from the law that the blood of bulls and goats could not pay the price for sin, but the Son of God would come and his blood would pay the price for sin. Jesus said he was the only one who had ever been in heaven and come down from heaven.

Jesus used an example from the Old Testament to teach Nicodemus about being saved. Nicodemus knew the history of the nation of Israel. He knew how they had been slaves to the people of Egypt. He had read in the Old Testament scrolls how God brought the people out of Egypt, to take them back to the land of Canaan where their forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had lived. God promised them if they would obey His commands and worship Him and no others gods, He would be their God and they would be His special people. He would bless them and take care of them forever. He promised to send His Son to pay the price for their sins so they could be in heaven with Him after they died. They did not always obey Him. They did not always keep His commandments. Many times they worshiped the idol gods that the people living around them worshiped. Many times God had to punish them.

Jesus used something that happened to the nation of Israel many, many, many years ago to teach Nicodemus. Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:14-15, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Nicodemus had read about this in the scrolls. Numbers 21:4-9 tells us what happened to Israel.

The people had been traveling for many months. It was a long way to the land of Canaan. They traveled through desert areas where there was no water to drink and no food growing for them to eat. They had to depend on God. They traveled through places where other nations of people lived. These people did not want God's people passing through their land, and they fought against them. They made war against them, and sometimes many of them died. When they trusted in God to take care of them, He did; but when they did not trust God they suffered bad things. Moses was their leader. God chose Moses, and promised to lead and protect the people. All they had to do was obey Him and follow His commands. Every time something unpleasant happened, the people complained to Moses. They accused God and Moses of bringing them out into the wilderness to die of hunger, or thirst, or by the hand of their enemies. When the water they brought with them ran out and they were thirsty, God told Moses to strike a rock, and water gushed out and supplied them with all the water they needed to drink. When the food they brought with them ran out and they became hungry, God caused bread (called manna) to fall from heaven every morning. All they had to do was go out and gather up all they needed to eat for that day, and the next day God sent more. God took care of them and supplied their needs. But they were not happy.

On one occasion the king of the Canaanites heard that the Israelites had earlier sent spies into his land, so he fought against them and took some of the people prisoners. The people realized they must depend on God to help them. They promised that if God would deliver them from the Canaanites they would obey Him. God did, and they soon forgot. They had to travel back toward the Red Sea in order to circle around the land of Edom because the people there had refused to let them pass through their land. The people became discouraged because of the long journey, and once again complained against God and against Moses. They said, "Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread." They accused Moses of bringing them out of Egypt where they had plenty of food to eat, and into the wilderness where there was no food or water just so they could die. They said, "We don't have food. We don't have water, and we despise this light bread that God sends us every day."

God was so displeased with the people and their attitude of rebellion that he once again punished them. He allowed fiery snakes to come into their camp. Poisonous snakes were everywhere. When they were bitten, the pain was like fire, and they became very sick. Many of them died from the snakebites. They knew they had done wrong, and they repented of their evil ways. They begged Moses for forgiveness and help. They came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned. We have spoken against God and against you. Pray to God and ask him to take away the snakes." Moses prayed for the people, and God provided a way for them to live.

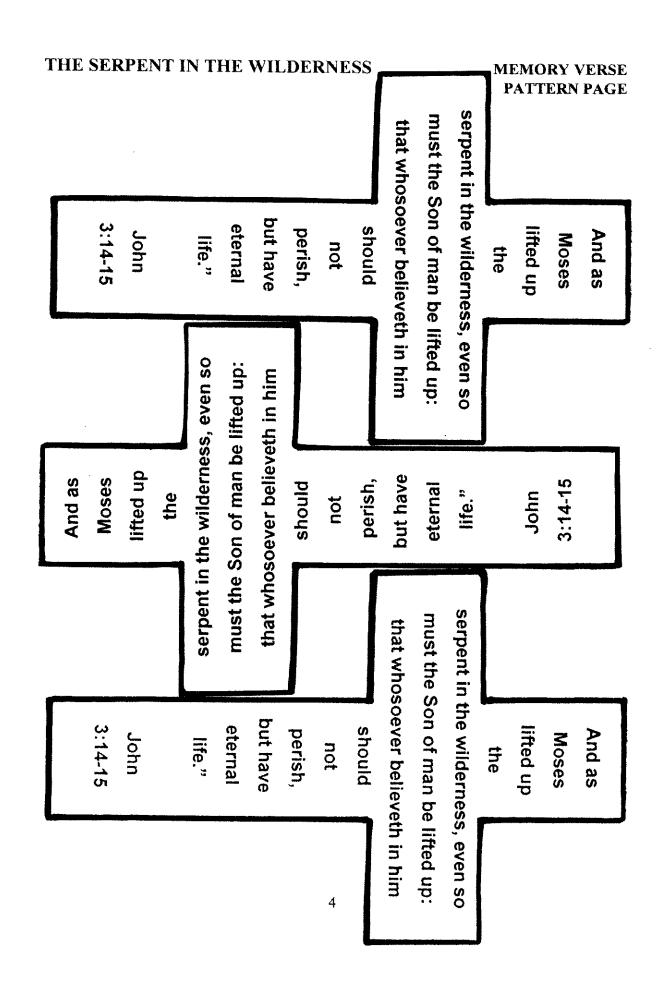
God told Moses to make a large snake out of brass and put it on a tall pole in the middle of the camp where everyone could see it. God promised that when a person was bitten, if he looked to the brass serpent, he would be healed, and not die. All it took was for the person to have faith that if he looked to the brass serpent, God would heal him of his snakebite. When a person was bitten, if he looked to the brass serpent in faith, he was healed. If he refused to look, he died. It was that simple. Moses made the serpent of brass and place it on a pole in the middle of the camp. When a person was bitten, if he looked to the brass serpent, he lived.

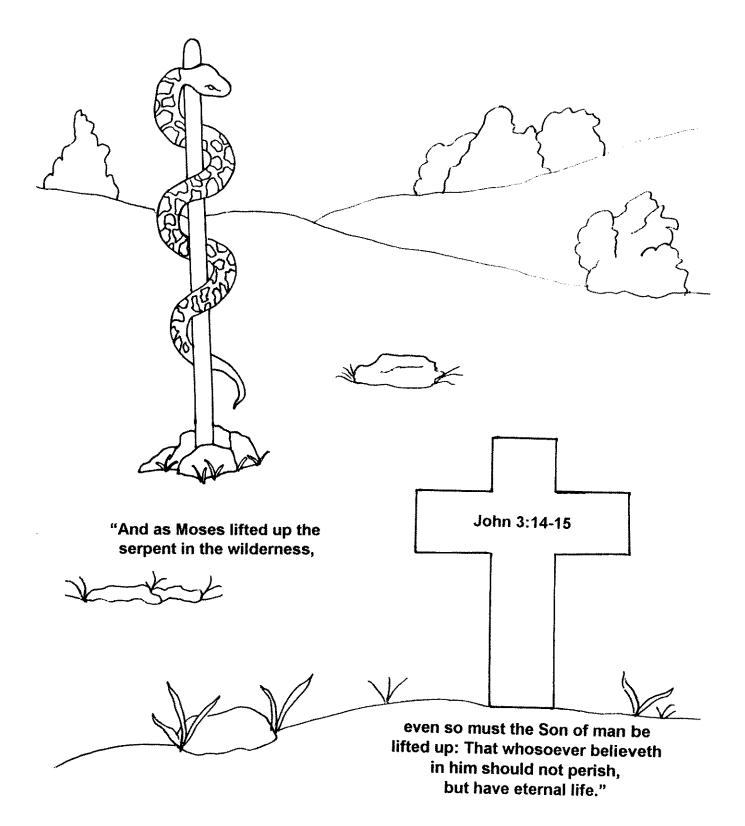
As the people of Israel continued on their journey to the promised land, they carried the brass serpent with them. We do not read of them ever using it again to be healed, but II Kings 18:4 tells us how a man named Hezekiah became king of Israel and destroyed all of the idol gods that the people worshiped. He "broke in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan." Nehushtan means 'a piece of brass'. The people of Israel had begun to worship the brazen serpent as an idol. It had become a god to them. They considered it to have supernatural powers. They worshiped the serpent and not the God who had provided it as a means of forgiveness. It did not heal their snakebite. God did. Yet they began to worship it as if it had some power. Hezekiah destroyed it (broke it in pieces), and said, "It is nothing but a piece of brass."

Jesus told Nicodemus that just as Moses had lifted up the serpent on a pole in the wilderness, Jesus would be lifted up on a cross. Everyone who looked to him in faith would not perish, or die spiritually, but would have eternal life. Jesus said this was the reason God sent him into the world. God loved the people of the world so much that He was willing to give His only Son to die on the cross so that every person who believed in him would have everlasting life. That is the only way to have everlasting life. Just as the only way for the people to be healed of their deadly snakebite was to look to the serpent on the pole, the only way to be forgiven of sin and escape spiritual death is to look to Jesus on the cross. His death paid the price for sin. If we accept it in faith, then we have life, spiritual life, forever. The cross does not save us. We should not worship the cross. It is Jesus who saves us by his death on the cross. Nicodemus understood that the Israelites were helpless against the snakes. He understood that God provided a way for them to live if they had faith that he would take away the poison from the snakebites. Jesus wanted Nicodemus to see it was his death on the cross that would take away the sin of the world. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness to give life to the people, Jesus told Nicodemus he would be lifted up on a cross to give spiritual life to all who believe.

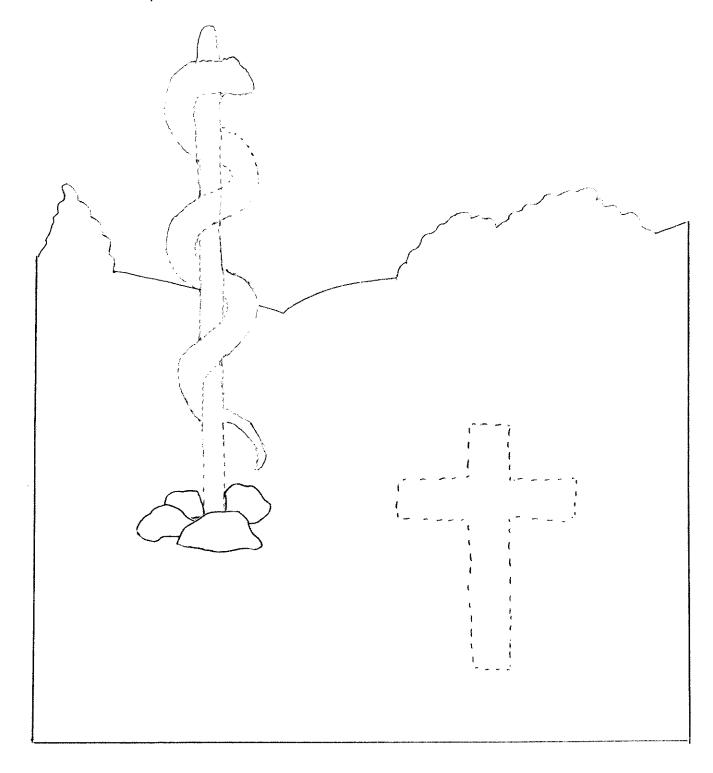
MEMORY VERSE: John 3:14-15

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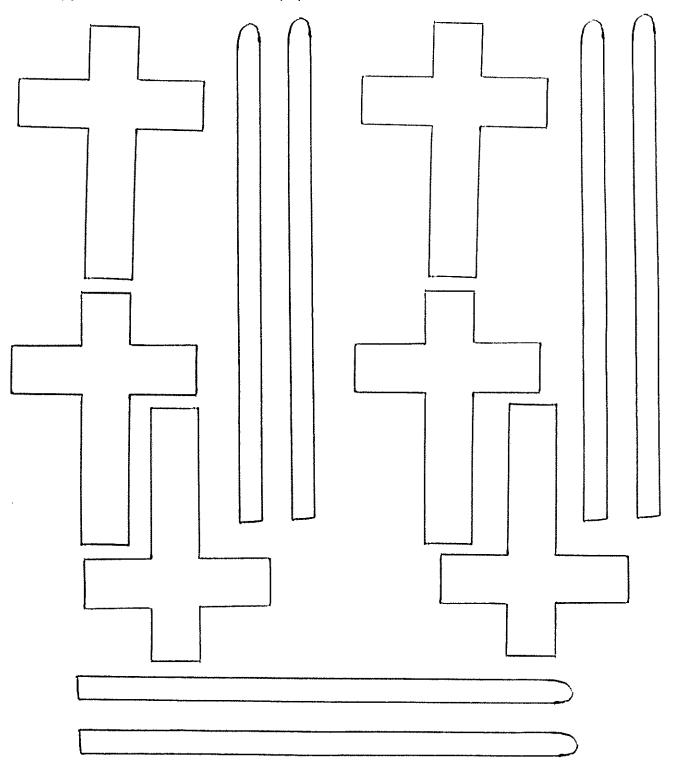




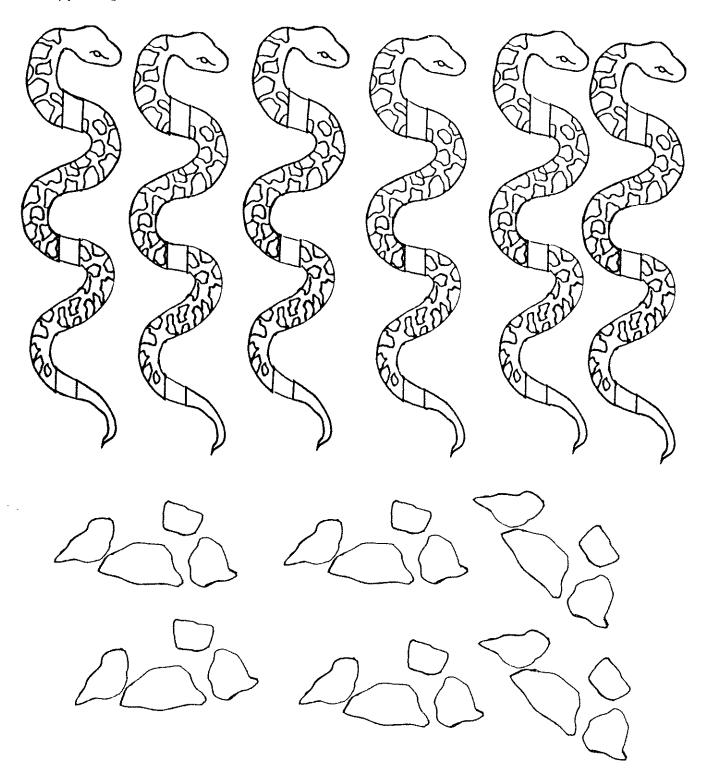
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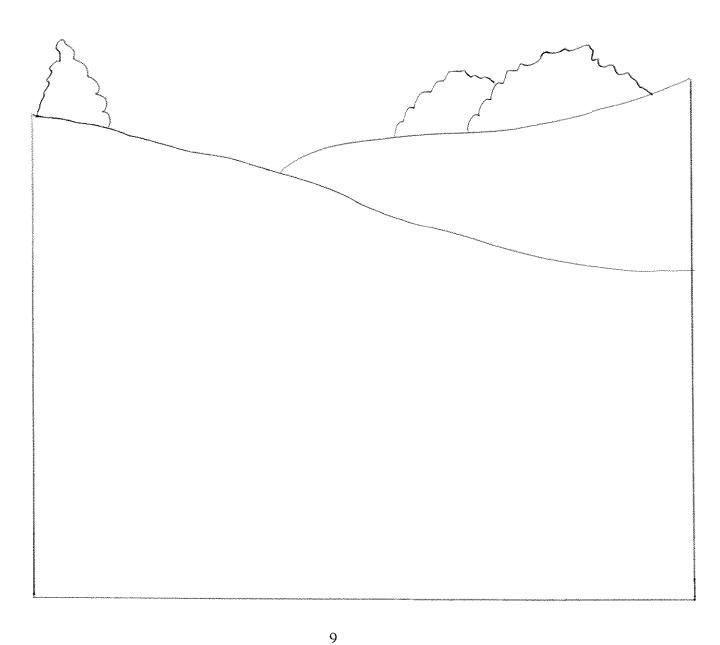
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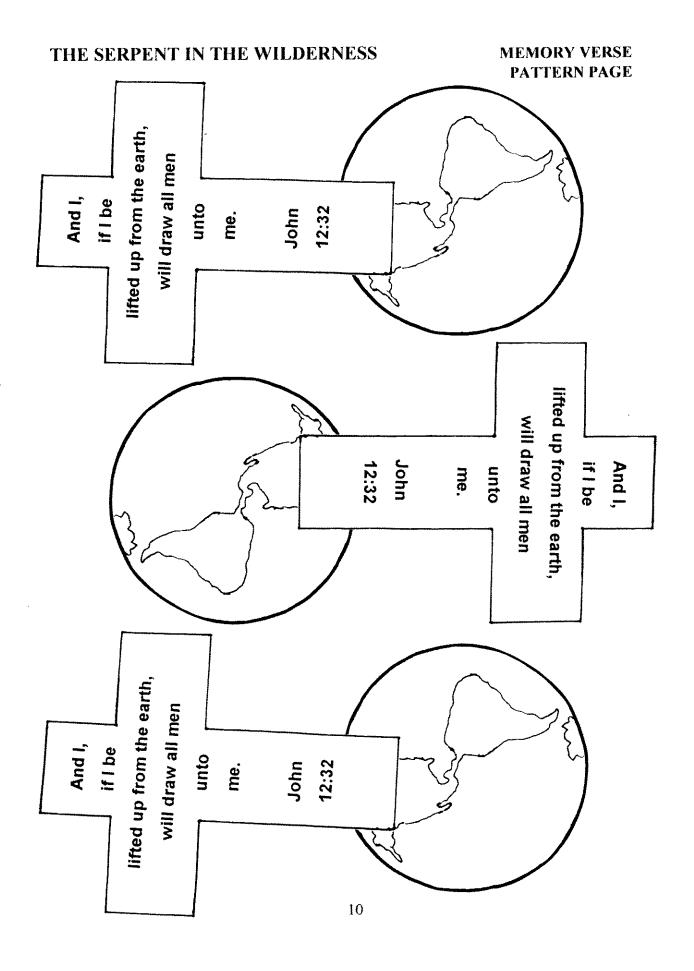


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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 1:1-12 3:18-21 8:12 9:5 Matthew 5:14-16 Mark 4:21 Luke 8:16-17 Proverbs 4:18-19 I John 1:5-7

Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jewish people; a wealthy man, and well educated. He worshiped God. He knew the laws that God had given to Moses for the people of Israel. He offered sacrifices and kept the feast days. He saw the miracles that Jesus did when he went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. He knew Jesus must be sent from God, because he had power to do things no other man had ever done. Nicodemus wanted to know more about Jesus. He came to see him in the night time so that the other leaders of the Jews would not know he was interested in learning who Jesus really was. Jesus explained that salvation was a new birth. Nicodemus did not understand this, so Jesus said it was like the wind. We can not see the wind, but we know it is real. We cannot see our spirits, and when we are 'born again' we do not have a new body. We cannot see what happens, but we know it is real because it happens within our hearts.

When Nicodemus asked how this could be, Jesus taught him the real reason for the brass serpent in the wilderness. When the people of Israel were traveling through the wilderness, they rebelled against God and against Moses, so God allowed deadly snakes to invade their camp. When they were bitten, they became very sick and many died. They repented of their sinfulness and begged Moses to forgive them and to ask God to forgive them and take away the snakes. God told Moses to make a snake (serpent) out of brass and place it on a tall pole in the middle of the camp so everyone could easily see it. When they were bitten, God said if they would look to the brass serpent they would live. The snake did not heal them, but their faith did. If they believed God would heal them, and looked to the serpent in faith, they were healed of their snake bite, and lived. Jesus said just "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness" he would be lifted up. In John 12:32 he said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Just as they looked to the serpent to be healed, we look to Jesus on the cross to be saved. Nicodemus understood this.

Jesus then taught Nicodemus that he was the 'light of the world' that John the Baptist had preached about. The first chapter of John tells us that Jesus was in heaven with God, and helped make the world. He helped create life. Then Jesus came to that world that he created, and the world did not recognize him. They did not know him as the Son of God. They were not looking for a deity, they were looking for a great leader who could overthrow the Roman government and allow them to once again rule in their own country. They wanted a great and powerful king. John came to tell the people that Jesus was deity. Jesus was the Son of God. John's purpose in coming was "to bear witness of that Light, that all men through him might believe." John said he was not the Light, but came to prepare the hearts of the people to believe that Jesus was the Light.

What is light? Light is something that chases away the darkness. Light illuminates. When it is dark, we cannot see. We cannot see things around us. We cannot find our way. If we walk in the dark, we stumble and fall. We run into things in the dark and get hurt. The darkness causes danger. The darkness makes us afraid. We are afraid because we cannot see. When we turn on a light, the

darkness is gone, and we can see things around us. We can find our way. We can avoid running into things that will hurt us. John said Jesus brought light to a world that was dark in sin. Jesus shows us how to avoid the darkness. It is sin that causes the world to be in darkness, and Jesus came to pay the price of sin. When you turn on a light, you can see things around you. You can see what things look like. Jesus shows us what sin is. He shows us what sin and evil and wrongdoing looks like, and how to avoid it. The Jewish people had the law, but they still lived in darkness because the light of God had not come into the world to show things clearly.

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world. Jesus is the light of the world. Condemnation comes because light has come into the world. If we do something wrong but do not know it is wrong, we do not feel guilty. When the light of God's word shows us what we are doing is wrong, then we feel guilty; it condemns us. Jesus told Nicodemus that "this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." The reason people like darkness is because they are doing something wrong and do not want others to know about it. When a person does evil he hates the light, and will stay out of the light so he will not be seen doing wrong. A robber comes at night so the darkness will hide his actions. He doesn't want to break into your home and steal from you in the day time when other people are watching. He wants to do his evil deeds at night when the darkness will hide him.

A person who does something good loves the light. He does not mind being in the light, because the light shows others that what he does is good, and pleases God. If Mother told you not to get a cookie, and you took it anyway, and went into your room in the darkness to eat it, would you want Mother to come and turn the light on in your room? Why not? Because the light would reveal that you had disobeyed, and done wrong. If you are supposed to clean up your room, do you turn off the light and close the door hoping she will not know you did not obey? If you cleaned your room as you were supposed to do, you would not care for the light being turned on. If you were doing something good, you would not mind the light. It would reveal your good deeds. Jesus is the light of the world. The light shines in darkness. The light shows us the truth. It also show our actions, whether they are good or bad.

In John 8:12, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." When a light is turned on it shows what things really look like. It causes us to see things as they really are. When Jesus came into the world he caused sin to be seen. Jesus shows the world their evil deeds, that they are sinful. Jesus also shows the world how to be saved from their evil deeds. When we trust in Jesus to give us eternal life, he has promised that he will. He is the light that shows us what is truth, and the way of salvation from our sins. Jesus told Nicodemus that God loved the world so much that He was willing to give the life of His only Son so we could be redeemed from our sinful condition. God did not send Jesus just to condemn the world, but He sent him to redeem the world.

Proverbs 4:18-19 tells us that the path of the good person who does what is right is as the shining light, but the way of a wicked person is as darkness, and they do not know what they stumble

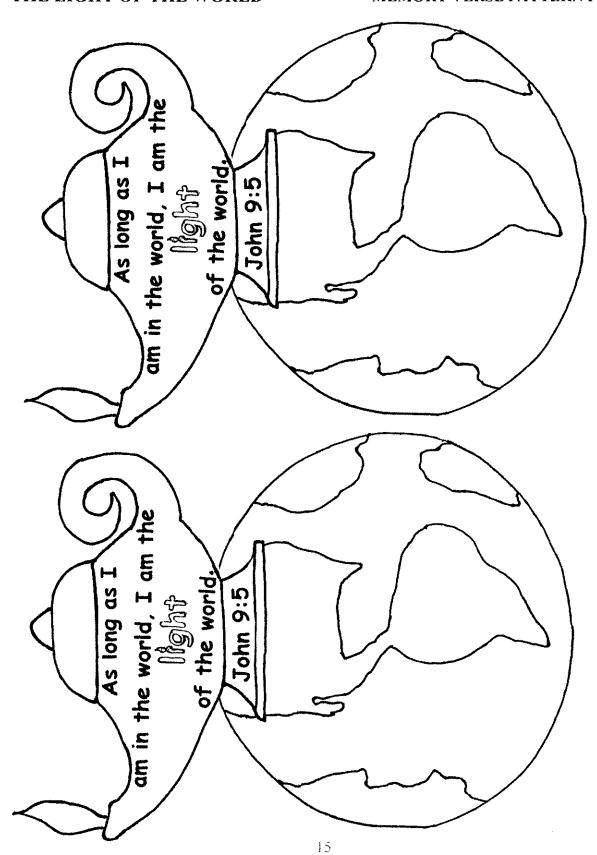
over. Jesus went back to heaven to live and left the church as the light of the world. He taught his disciples in the fifth chapter of Matthew, "Ye are the light of the world." Then he used the example of a city that is built on a hill. In the night time you can see the lights from the houses for a long, long way. The city cannot be hidden. When a light is turned on, you can see it from a long way off. You cannot see darkness in a room with the light on, but you can see the light in a dark room. Darkness does not make the light go away, but when light goes away there is darkness. God is light. God created light. In the beginning God said, "Let there be light." There was light, and God separated the light from the darkness. Without the light of God we live in a world dark with sin.

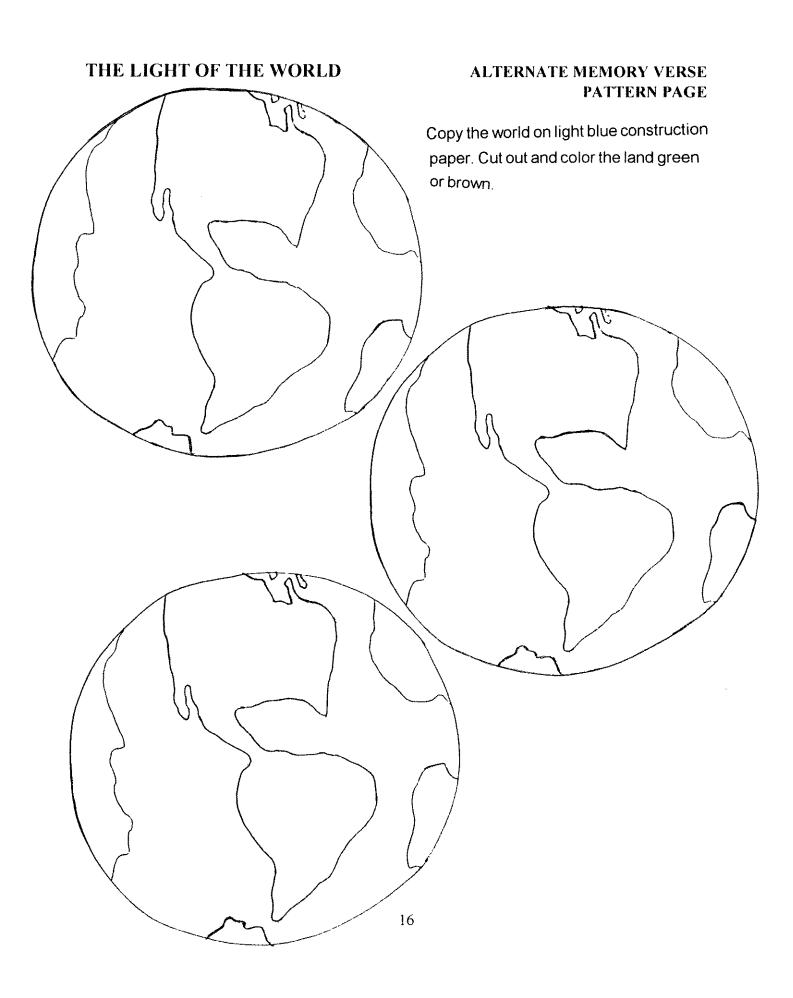
The light makes the darkness go away. Jesus said you don't light a candle and then place it under something that will hide the light. You place it on a table or on a candlestick so it will light up the whole room. Then he commanded them, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." How do we let our lights shine? By the good things that we do. We should live our lives in such a way that the world can see Jesus in us. As a house that has lights turned on in the night cannot be hidden, our lives are not hidden. Other people see the things we do. They hear the things we say. They see by our lives whether we are good. If they see good in us it is because we have the love of God in our hearts that makes us want to do what is right. Our actions are guided by Jesus, the 'Light of the world'.

Psalm 119:105 tells us, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." We are to be guided by the Bible, the Word of God. John tells us in I John 1:5-9 that we cannot have fellowship with God if we walk in sin. If we say we love God and do not do what He tells us to do, we are lying to ourselves and lying to other people. If we say we love God, but do evil things, we are lying to ourselves and others. The light of God's word shows us what is right and wrong. If we love God we will want to do what is right, and avoid the wrong. Everyone sins. That is why Jesus had to come into the world and die. If we say we do not sin, the Bible says we are deceiving ourselves. We do sin. We must admit we sin. We must ask forgiveness for our sins; then God will forgive and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Then we can walk in the light of God and not be ashamed, because He has forgiven us and made us His children. We are commanded to let our lights shine to the world so they will see Jesus in our lives and want to come to know him as their Savior. We are to let our lights shine so others will see our good works, and not brag on us, but glorify God who is in heaven.

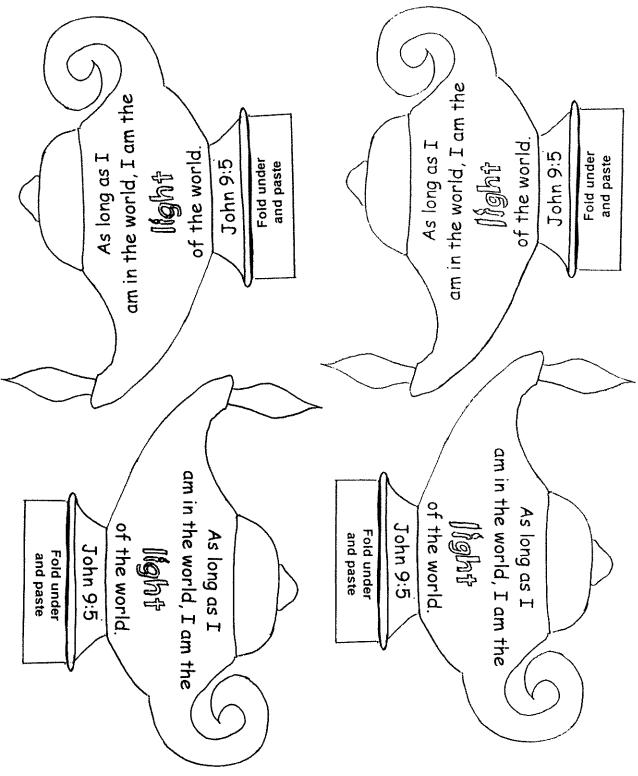
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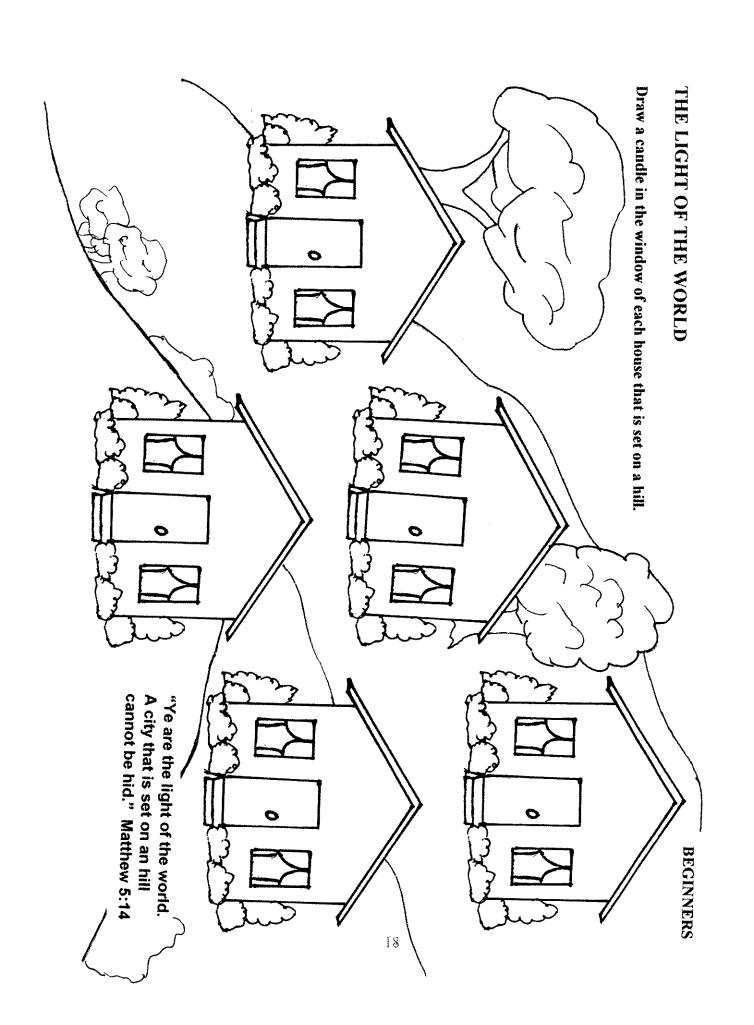
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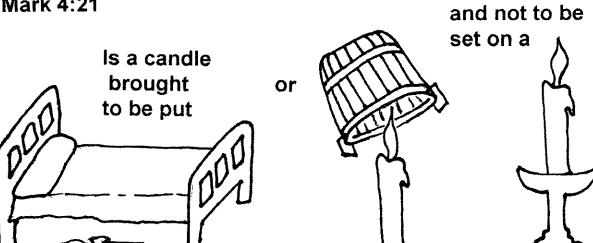


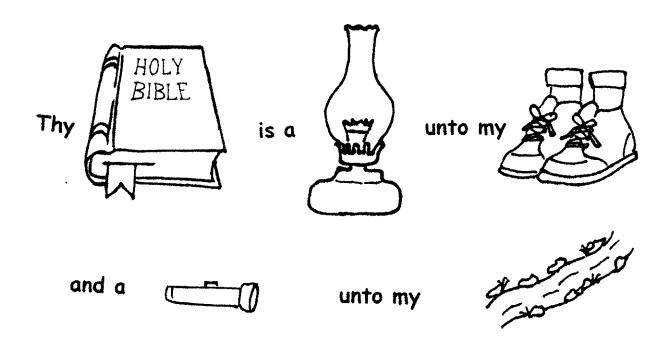
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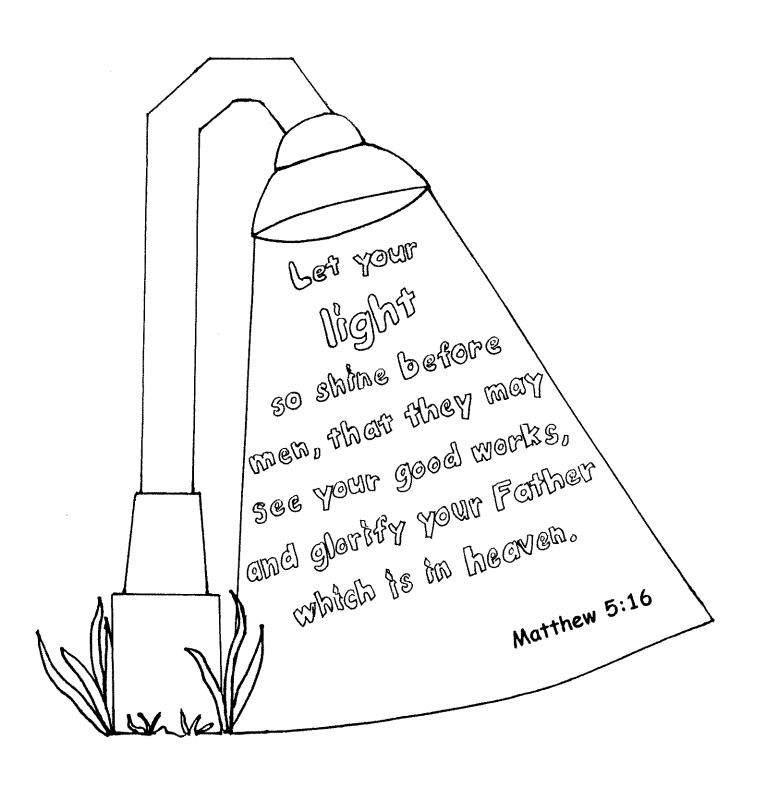


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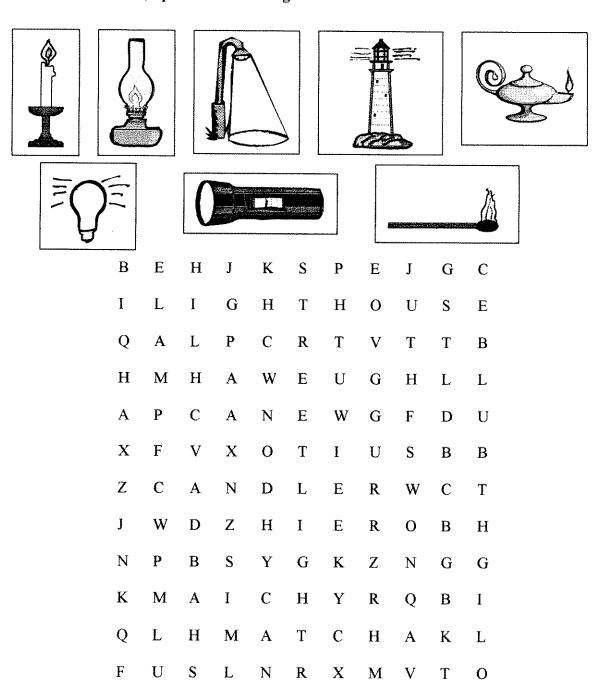


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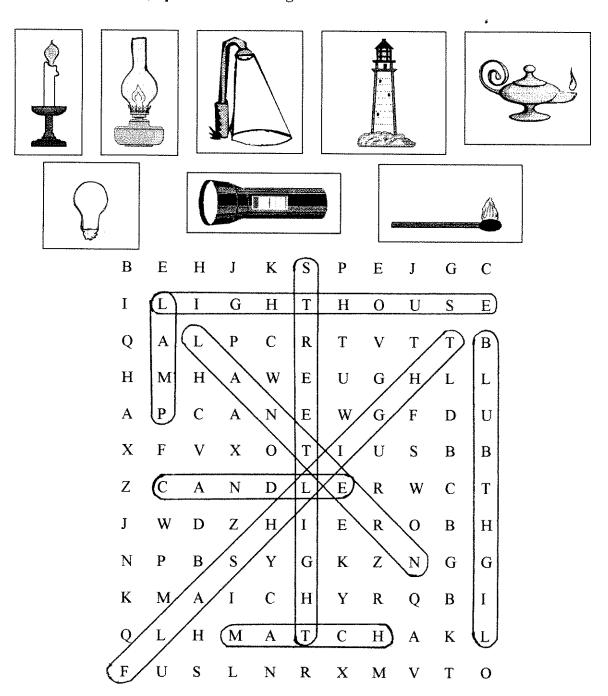
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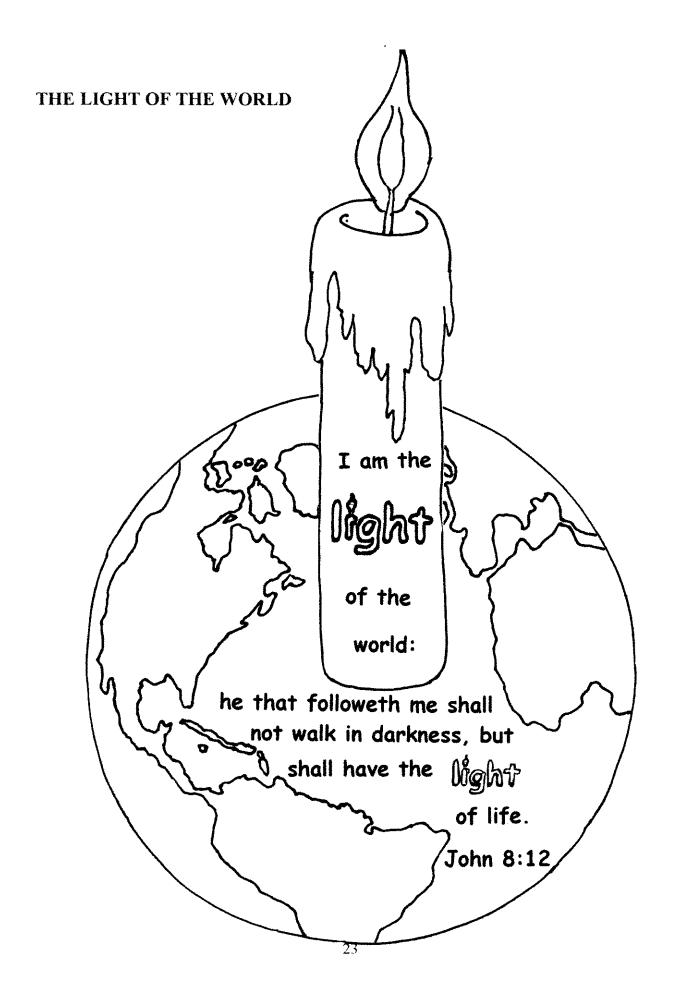
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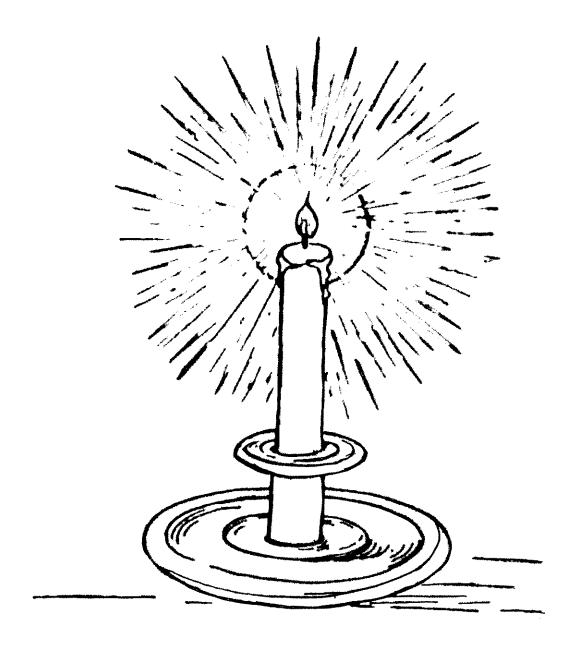


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In John 1:7-9 John identified Jesus as the light of the world.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world:

John 3:22-36; 4:1-3

Jesus was the Son of God. He came to the earth as a man. He was born in human flesh so that he could die for the sins of mankind. Every person born since Adam and Eve has a sinful nature. The punishment for sin is death, or eternal separation from God. God loved humanity and did not want them separated from Him for all eternity. The only way for mankind to be saved from sin was for someone without sin to die for them and pay the price for sin. Jesus was the only person who was ever born that did not have a sin nature. He was perfect. He did not have any sins of his own to die for, so he could did for the sins of mankind.

When Jesus was born into the world, the world did not recognize him as the Son of God. God chose a man named John (we call him John the Baptist), and sent him to preach that Jesus had come, and would die for the sins of the world, thus fulfilling what the Jesus had always been taught by the law that God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai. The law taught the people that Jesus would come and his blood would be shed to pay the price for sin. John preached in the wilderness, and many Jesus came out to hear him. Many believed his message and he baptized them. God commanded him to baptize those who repented of their sins, those who believed they needed someone to die in their place. John was to prepare the hearts of the people to accept Jesus as the Son of God. When they believed his message of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, they were baptized.

They first thing Jesus did when he began his earthly ministry was to be baptized by John. This showed the world he was willing to die for sin, be buried, and he would rise again. Jesus grew up in Nazareth. When it was time for him to begin preaching, he came to Bethabara to be baptized by John, because there was much water there. Then he went to Cana where he began working miracles to prove he was who he said he was.

John the Baptist had been sent to baptize those people who believed the message that he preached of repentance of sin and faith in Jesus as the Savior. They were baptized to show that they had repented and had faith in his death, burial, and resurrection as payment for their sins. John was the only one who baptized. Jesus took the people John baptized to form his church. The first men that Jesus called specifically to be his disciples were John, Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathanael. All of them had believed the message John preached that the Messiah had come, and been baptized by John. They went with Jesus to Cana and saw the miracle he did there. Then they went with him to Jerusalem and saw other miracles that he did.

Not long after Jesus began his earthly ministry he went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. While he was there he did many miracles. We don't know what these miracles were. The Bible just tells us that many people believed on him when the saw the miracles that he did in Jerusalem. When Jesus left Jerusalem he went into the land of Judea with his disciples, and they began to baptize people who believed on Jesus as the Messiah.

John was also still baptizing. He was at Aenon, near Salim, because there was much water there. Many people came to Aenon and were baptized by John. John 3:24 tells us that "John was not yet cast into prison". It must not have been long after the events in today's lesson when King Herod had John placed in prison, and eventually beheaded. God sometimes uses wicked men to work his will. When Jesus gave the authority to his disciples to baptize, John's purpose had been fulfilled. John's work was finished. It was time for him to fade out of the picture, and for the church to take up the authority to baptize. God did not want followers of John and followers of Jesus. John knew that his purpose was to prepare the people to receive Jesus, and when they began to follow Jesus, his job was finished. John said that Jesus was greater than he. Jesus was the one the people were to follow, not John

Many who were baptized by John became John's followers. This meant they accepted this new religion he preached, and became a follower of the new religion, and a follower of John. They did not worship John, but they followed him to learn. A disciple was not a "worshiper", but a "learner". They learned from John. When some of the Pharisees heard that Jesus and his disciples were baptizing, they began to argue with the followers of John about baptism. John's disciples thought that no one but John should baptize, so they came to John to 'tell on Jesus'. They called John, Rabbi, which means teacher or leader, and said, "This man that you baptized on the other side of Jordan is now baptizing those who follow him." John baptized those who believed his message, and they followed him. Now that Jesus was preaching, people believed his message and followed him. So John had disciples, and Jesus had disciples. Jesus did not baptize, but his disciples did the act of baptism by his authority. The followers of John came to him and told him that the man whom he said that he had come to bear witness of was now making his own disciples, and many were coming to him.

John did not get upset. He told the Jews that no man can do anything unless God gives him the power and the authority to do it. God had given John the authority to baptize. Then John said, "You remember that I told you I am not the Christ, but am sent before him." John explained to them that the bridegroom is the one who has the bride, not the friend of the bridegroom, or the 'best man'. The church is the bride of Christ, the one who will rule with him during the 1,000 years that he will rule as king. The church will rule with him as a queen rules with the king. The church is the bride and Jesus is the bridegroom. The bridegroom is happy when he receives the bride. The best man is happy when he sees the joy of the bridegroom. John said this was his joy. He was happy when he saw Jesus making disciples. John was happy when he heard that people were following Jesus, and Jesus' disciples were baptizing them. John said in verse 30, "He must increase, but I must decrease." John told the Pharisees that God sent Jesus into the world. John said that "God loved Jesus and gave all authority into his hands", and in Verse 36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Now Jesus had given that authority to baptize to his disciples.

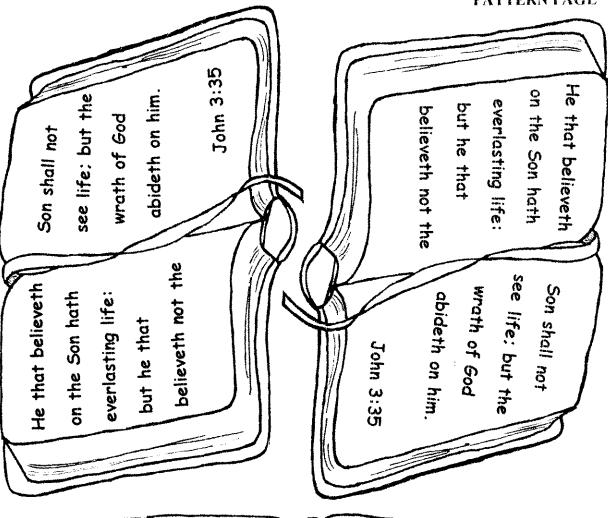
Jesus knew that the Pharisees heard how he made and baptized more disciples than John, so he left Judea and went back into Galilee. He spent most of his time in the early part

of his ministry in the area of Galilee. It was farther from the city of Jerusalem, and he knew that the Pharisees would want to find him and have him put to death. He knew that it was not time yet for him to be crucified. He had many places to go, and many people to witness to. Jesus spent his time traveling up and down through the land of the Jewish people. He did many miracles, and he taught them many parables about the kingdom of God. He was preparing the apostles to preach and preparing those who would be in the first church to carry on his work after he went back into heaven.

From this time on, the church has had the authority to baptize people who repent of their sins, and profess Jesus as their savior.

MEMORY VERSE: John 3:36

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John 3:35



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THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

John 4:1-43

Before there was a nation of Israel, God called a man named Abraham to leave his home and his father's house, and travel to a land that God would show him. There he was to begin a new nation of people. When Abraham came to the land of Canaan, God told him this was the place that would be his land forever. Many years later his grandson, Jacob, purchased a piece of land from the inhabitants, and lived there for a while. In order to have water for his family to drink, and for his animals, he dug a well. This was a famous well for many generations of people. When God brought the people of Israel back from Egyptian bondage, He gave them the land of Canaan for their inheritance. Jacob's well was still there. Because of the sinfulness of King Solomon, God divided the kingdom of Israel into two kingdoms, the ten northern tribes made up the Kingdom of Israel, and the Southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin made up the Kingdom of Judah. Several years and six kings later, King Omri purchased a hill on which to build the headquarters for his kingdom. He built his palace here and named the hill Samaria. From Samaria many kings ruled in Israel, and many of the kings were buried at Samaria when they died.

Samaria remained the ruling city of the Kingdom of Israel for about 200 years. The northern kingdom was captured by the king of Assyria in 722 B.C. The people were carried away as captives to another land. Only a few Jews remained in this area. When the king of Assyria saw they were rebellious, he attempted to destroy them by bringing in people from other nations and establishing them there. They brought with them their idolatrous worship. When they inter-married with the Jewish people, their idolatry spread. Since the Jews had known something of the Jewish way of worship, their religion became a mixture of idolatry and Judaism. They erected their images in the high places, and combined idolatry with worship of God. The Samaritans were not full Jews. They were a mix of Jews and other nations. For awhile some of them attended the temple worship at Jerusalem. Since the Jews at Jerusalem did not want them worshiping with them, they erected a temple in their own area, on Mt. Gerizim. It was here that they worshiped Jehovah for many generations. About 129 B.C. the area was captured, and the temple destroyed. The worshipers continued to come to the spot where the temple had stood. This was the situation when Jesus was on the earth. The Samaritans believed many of the teachings of the Jews, one of which was in the coming Messiah. They believed that God would send His Son into the world someday to be their Savior.

When Jesus lived on the earth, the area of Samaria covered much more than the hill that Omri purchased for his kingdom city. It was not a city, but an area like Galilee and Judea. It covered many miles, and many cities were in Samaria. The Jews hated the Samaritans. They considered them unclean, low-classed people. They considered them as dogs. Samaria covered an area between Judea and Galilee, from the Jordan River almost to the Mediterranean Sea. So when they traveled from Judea to Galilee, they had to go through Samaria. Many of the Jews

hated the Samaritans so badly that they would go a long way around to keep from coming in contact with the Samaritan. This was not true with Jesus. He loved the people of Samaria as he did all people in the world.

Jesus had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, then into Judea to preach and baptize. When he heard of the problem between the Jews and the disciples of John over Jesus' disciples also baptizing, he left Judea to return to Galilee. In order to get there, he traveled through Samaria. Jesus and his disciples came to the city of Sychar, near the land that Jacob had purchased hundreds of years before; the land where he had dug the well. It was still known as Jacob's Well. It was an important well for the people of Sychar. This is where they came every day to draw water to drink. It was the job of the women of the city to come to draw water for their families. Many times they came together in the evening. There was one woman of the city of Sychar who did not have a good reputation. She was a sinful woman. All of the town knew of her sins. She did not come in the evening with the other women. She came alone to draw water. Jesus and his disciples came to the well, and Jesus sat down to rest while his disciples went on into the town to buy food. It was about noon and they were hungry. While they were gone, and Jesus was resting, this woman came to the well to draw water.

When the woman of Samaria let her waterpot down into the well and brought it up filled with cool, clean water, Jesus asked her for a drink. She was surprised. She knew by his appearance that he was a Jew, and the Jews normally did not have anything to do with the Samaritans. She asked him, "Why have you asked me for a drink when you are a Jew and I am a Samaritan, and the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans?" Jesus presented to her the way of salvation. He said, "If you only knew who I am, you would have asked me for a drink and I would have given you living water." The woman did not understand. The well was deep, and Jesus had nothing to draw water with. She asked him, "How can you give me living water when the well is deep, and you have nothing to draw with? Are you greater than our father, Jacob, who gave us this well?" She considered herself a descendant of Jacob. He was a great man to the Samaritan people. He gave them this well that provided them with the water necessary to live in the city. It was almost like a holy place to them.

Jesus told her that whoever drank of the water from the well would thirst again, but whoever drank of the water that he gave would never be thirsty. It would be a well of water, springing up into everlasting life. She wanted this water! What a blessing to never have to come back to the well again to draw water. It was a big job to walk the long distance from her home to the well and carry back the heavy pot of water. The woman came to get water, physical water, to quench physical thirst. Jesus was talking about spiritual water that would quench spiritual thirst.

Jesus told her to go get her husband and come back. She told him she did not have a husband. Jesus knew this already. He knew everything about her. He told her, "You are right. You don't have a husband. You have had five husbands, and you are not married to the man you are living with now." How did he know this about her? The woman thought he must be

a prophet. If he was a prophet he would know all things. She had a very important question she wanted him to answer. She said, "You must be a prophet. Tell me where the right place is for us to worship. We have always worshiped in this mountain (Mt. Gerizim), but the Jews say that Jerusalem is the place to worship." Jesus told her that the time would come when they would not worship in this mountain or in Jerusalem. He said, "You do not know what you worship, but the Jews do, because salvation is of the Jews. The time will come when true worshipers will worship God in spirit and in truth." Jesus was telling her that the place was not important to true worship. We worship God in our hearts, so we can worship Him anywhere we are as long as we worship Him is spirit and in truth. The Jews were commanded to go to Jerusalem at certain times of the year for certain feasts and sacrifices, but that was not the only time they were to worship God. Jesus said, "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." The woman thought she understood. She said, "I know that the Messiah will come, which is called Christ, and when he comes he will tell us all things." Then Jesus revealed to her that he was the Christ she was looking for. She became so excited she left her waterpot and ran back into the city. She wanted to tell everyone that she had seen the Messiah.

The disciples of Jesus returned with food for their noon meal, and saw that Jesus had been talking to the woman from Samaria, but would not ask him why he was talking to her. They offered him the food they brought, and he replied, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." They thought someone had brought him some food while they were away. He explained, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me." If you remember when we studied about Jesus going to the temple when he was twelve years old, he stayed behind to talk to the scribes and the teachers. When Mary asked him why he had remained at the temple, he said he must be about his Father's business. Jesus went on to explain to the disciples that they looked for the harvest in four more months. He said, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, they are white already unto harvest." He was speaking of a spiritual harvest. He saw the people of Samaria as a field ready to be harvested. He wanted the disciples to understand that it was more important to him to teach people about God than to eat physical food.

When the woman came into the city, she said, "I have seen a man that told me everything I ever did. Is not this the Christ?" Many of the Samaritans believed on him because of what the woman said, and came with her to the well. They begged Jesus to stay in Samaria and teach them. He stayed for two days and many more people believed on him because they heard what he taught.

MEMORY VERSE: John 4:29

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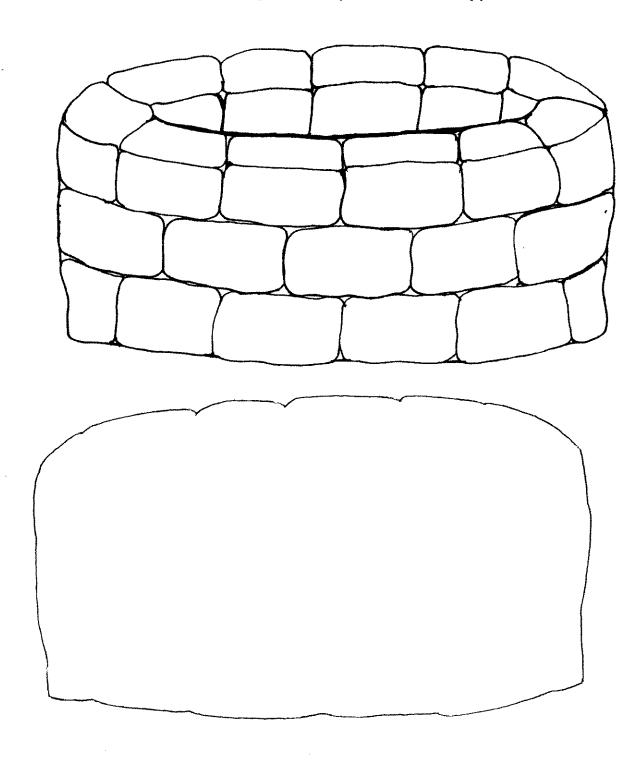
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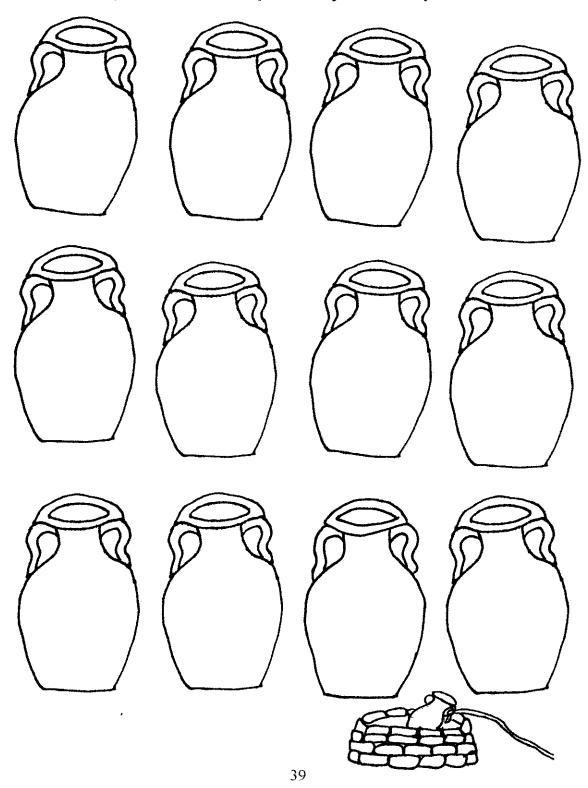
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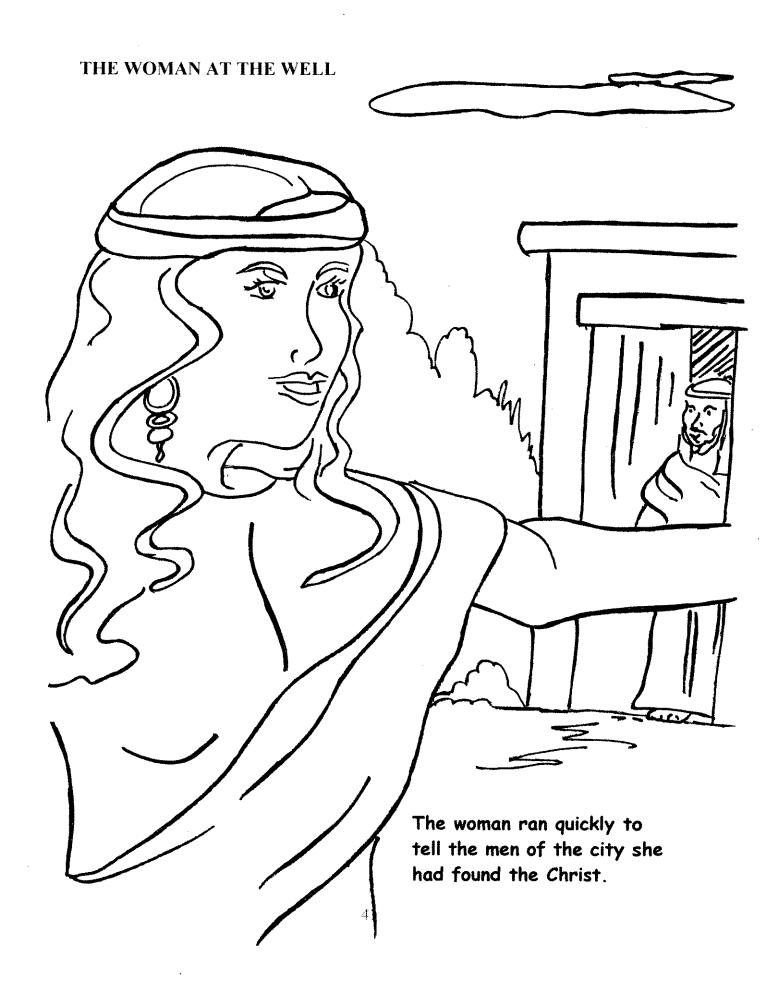
Copy the well on brown or gray construction paper. Cut the opening and paste to back section around the edges so the pitcher can be slipped inside.



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Copy on colored construction paper. Cut hole in one handle (hole punch will do). Tie 6 to 8 inch piece of yarn for rope.





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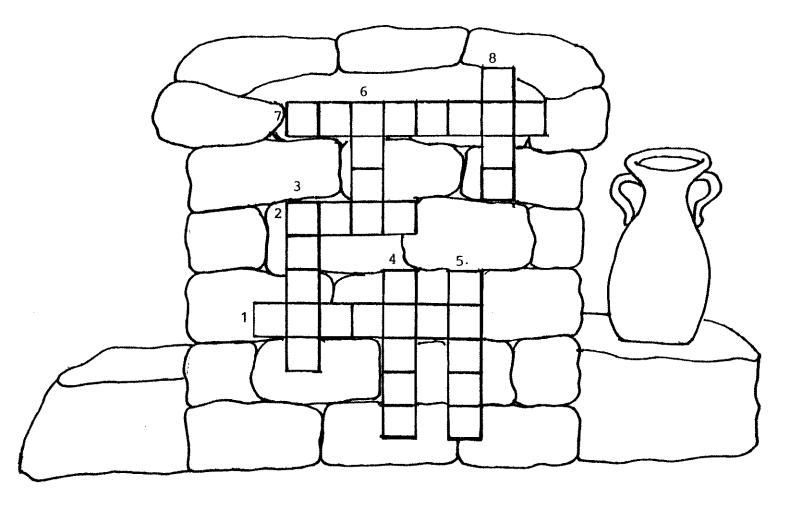
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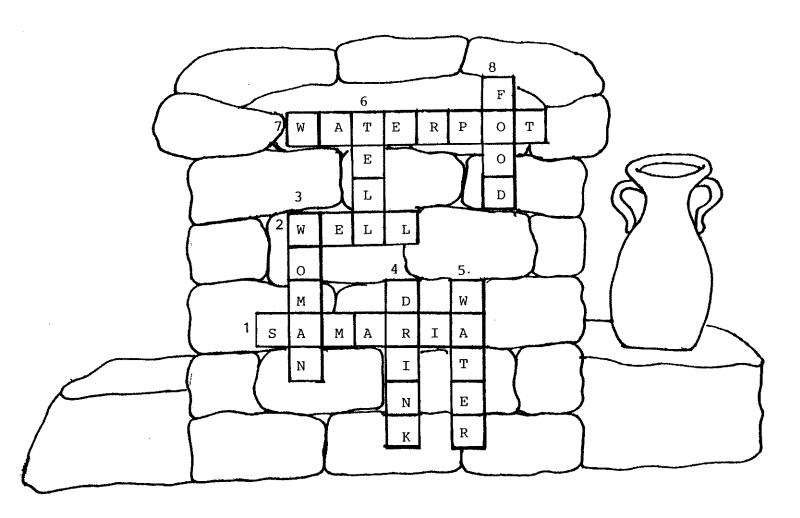
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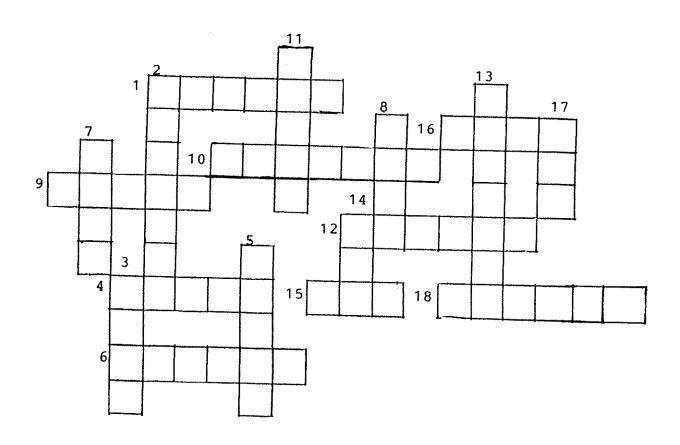
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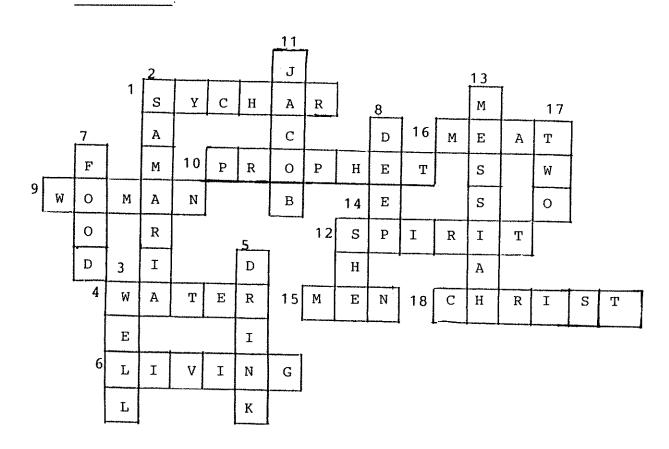
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John 4:43-45 Luke 4:14-32 Matthew 13:53-58 Mark 6:1-6 Isajah 61:1-2

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but he grew up in Nazareth. He was known as the son of Joseph the carpenter. Jesus attended the synagogue in Nazareth. As a young boy he probably went there with the other boys of the town to study. They learned to read by reading the scrolls which contained the law and the ancient writings of the prophets.

The synagogue was a place of 'assembly', a 'gathering of people'. The seventh day of the week, the Sabbath, was their day of worship. They gathered at the synagogue for religious instruction. The use of a synagogue probably began when the Jews were in captivity and could not go to the temple for worship and sacrifice. There seemed to be at least one synagogue in every Jewish town. Larger towns may have had many synagogues. There was a synagogue available for every Jew who wanted to go. Our church services today seem to be patterned after the synagogue worship: the reading of God's Word, the explanation, or preaching, singing and prayers.

In the synagogue there was a special closet, or place for the scrolls to be stored. The scribes were men who spent their lifetime copying the scrolls. They copied the laws that God gave to Moses for the people of Israel to live by. They copied the writings of the prophets. The Jews studied these scrolls to know God's word and God's will. Every synagogue had copies of some of the scrolls. There was an area raised higher than the rest of the synagogue. Here was a table where the scrolls were laid out to be read from. The area was elevated so that all could see and hear the speaker. Each synagogue had a ruler, a person responsible for what happened at the synagogue. One person was responsible for keeping and caring for the scrolls. The ruler of the synagogue could select the one who read and the one who explained, or preached. Any of the men in the synagogue could lead in prayer.

Jesus was first identified as the Son of God, the Messiah for whom Israel had been looking for hundreds of years, in the area of Bethabara on the Jordan River where John the Baptist was baptizing. He began to gather his following. John and Andrew were the first to follow him, accepting him as the promised savior of Israel. Andrew brought his brother, Simon Peter to Jesus. They traveled with him into Galilee where Jesus found Philip, who was from Capernaum. He called Philip to follow him. Philip went immediately to get his friend, Nathanael, who was from Cana. Nathanael also became Jesus' follower. They went to Cana and attended a wedding celebration. Jesus' mother and other family members were also there. They left Cana with him and went to Capernaum, where he stayed for several days. Then it was time for the Passover, so they traveled to Jerusalem.

The first time Jesus went to the temple in Jerusalem after he was baptized and began his public ministry on earth was for the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread. This

celebration lasted eight days. While Jesus was there he did many miracles. There were people from all over Israel who had come for the celebration. They saw the miracles that he did, and told of them when they went back home. Word spread of this man who did such magnificent things. People began to hear of these miracles and assumed he must be a prophet. He began to draw a crowd everywhere he went. After he left Jerusalem and went throughout Judea preaching, many people followed him. Many accepted the things he taught about repentance and faith in the Son of God. He gave his disciples authority to baptize those who came accepting his teachings. This caused confusion among the leaders of the Jewish people. They asked the followers of John the Baptist why this man that John had baptized was now baptizing others. They came to John and complained that Jesus' disciples were also baptizing. John explained to them that this was God's will. John said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." John knew his mission had been fulfilled. Now those who had become Jesus' disciples had the authority from him to baptize. When Jesus heard of this confusion, he left Judea and returned to Galilee.

We don't know how long Jesus was in Galilee before he went to Nazareth, but it was probably several weeks, because Luke 4:14-15 tells us that word of his miracles spread throughout the region and "he taught in their synagogues," (plural). He was well received by the people who saw his miracles. He healed many in Capernaum and word spread around the area, even to Nazareth. Jesus grew up in Nazareth, but he did not spend much time there. He said a man had no honor in his own country. He knew the people in Nazareth would not respect him. He spent most of his time coming and going from Capernaum. He adopted Capernaum as his own city. Many times when the Bible says, "He returned to his own city" it means Capernaum. Matthew 9:1 "came into his own city." Mark 2:1 there seems to have been a house where he often stayed.

Jesus went to Nazareth, and as he always did on the Sabbath, he went into their synagogue, and stood up to read. They brought to him the scroll containing the book of the prophet Isaiah. He chose a passage we have numbered as Isaiah 61:1-2. He read, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Then he closed the scroll and gave it to the man responsible for putting it away and sat down. The people watched him to see what he would say. Jesus said, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your ears." Jesus said, "I am the man Isaiah spoke of. I am the man sent from God to preach and heal the sick." The people did not understand this at all. They said, "How can this man have so much wisdom? Isn't this Joseph's son? Isn't Mary his mother? We know his brothers and his sisters. How can he be the one sent from God to do miracles?" They became angry that Jesus claimed to be sent from God. Jesus knew their hearts. He told them that he knew they would ask him to prove it by doing miracles like he did in Capernaum, but he refused. He did heal a few sick people in Nazareth, but he would not do the great miracles that others had seen him do, because he said, "A prophet is not accepted in his own country." He did not do the miracles because the people did not believe in him, Matthew 13:58.

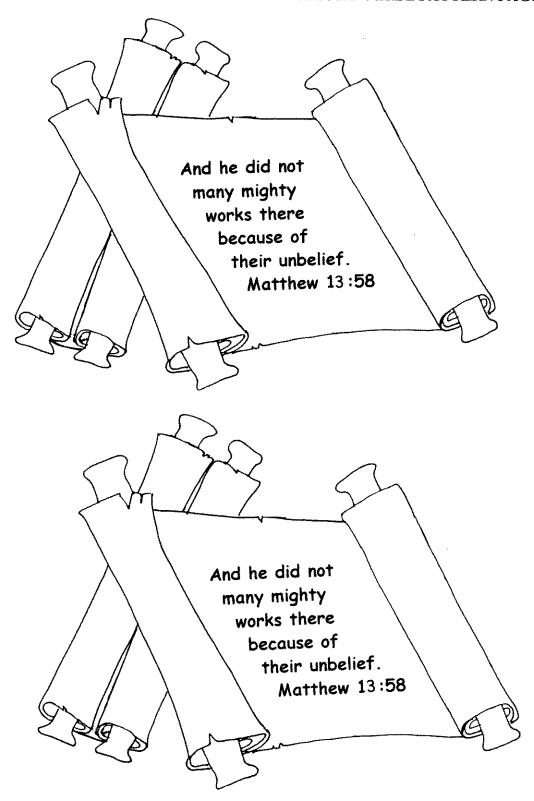
Jesus did not come to the earth to heal sick people, make crippled people able to walk, make blind people see, and deaf people hear. He came to bring salvation. He only did the miracles to prove he was who he said he was. He did not heal everybody that was sick. He reminded them of the prophet Elijah when it did not rain in Israel for three and a half years. There were many widows in Israel who were hungry during the famine, but God only sent Elijah to one in the city of Sarepta. Many others died from hunger, but Elijah did not do miracles for everyone who was hungry. Then Jesus told them many people had leprosy in the days of Elisha, but he only healed one, Naaman, who was not even an Israelite. He was a captain in the army of Syria, an enemy of Israel.

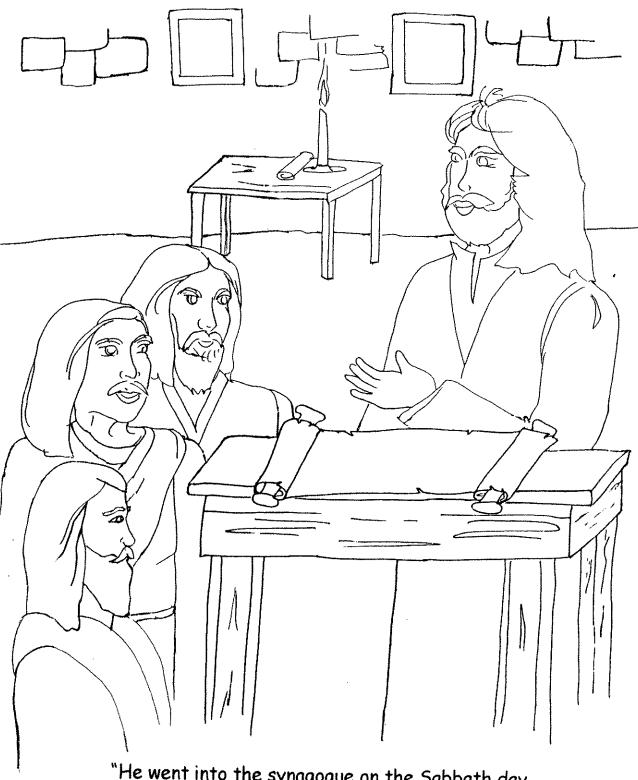
They did not believe in him as the Son of God, they just wanted their sick people healed. They became so angry when he refused to heal the sick, that they took him outside the city, to the edge of a high hill on which their city was built. They intended to throw him off the cliff head first, and kill him, but he got away from them. Luke 4:30, "But he passing through the midst of them went his way, and came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the Sabbath days. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power."

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 13:58

"And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

MEMORY VERSE PATTERN PAGE





"He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read."

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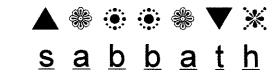




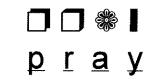
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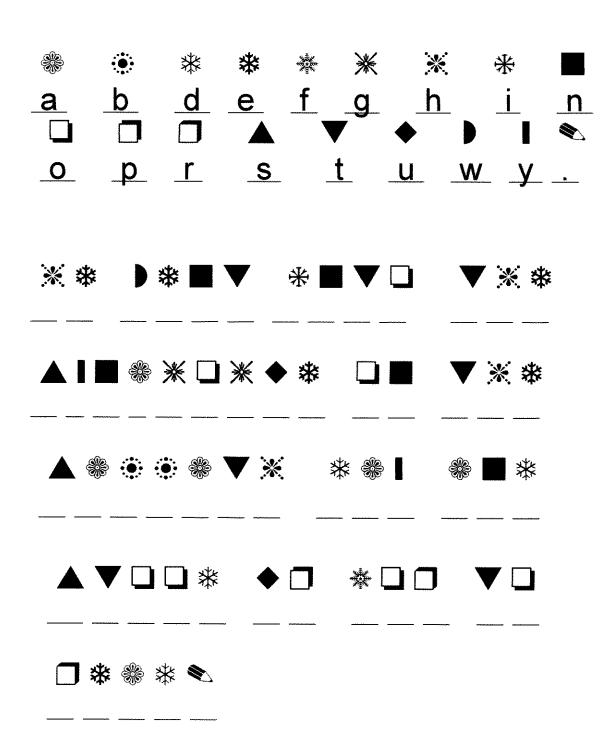
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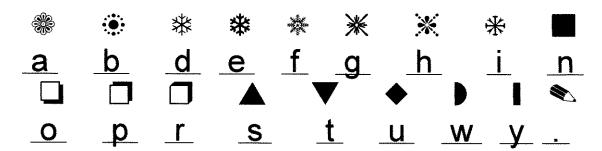
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EARLY TRAVELS OF JESUS

John 20:30-31 Matthew 2:23 Mark 1:9 John 1:28; 2:11-13, 22; 4:3-4 Luke 4:16 John 4:46 Matthew 4:13

It is impossible to trace the activities of Jesus from day to day, and know everything he did. All that Jesus did is not written in the Bible, only those things that were considered the most important. John tells us why the things in the Bible about the life of Jesus were written. He tells us in John 20:30-31, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." In chapter 21, verses 24-25, John tells us, "This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written."

The first four books of the New Testament are called the 'gospels'. They give the account of the life of Jesus. They were written by four different men. They all tell the truth about what happened, and they all agree with one another; but the events in the life of Jesus were not written down in the order in which they happened. The four writers do not tell exactly the same things. What one tells, another leaves out, and what one leaves out, another tells. When we read and study all four, we can learn an over-all account of the life of Jesus.

Matthew was a Hebrew who lived at Capernaum. He was a publican, or tax collector, until Jesus called him to leave his occupation and follow him. He wrote the first of the four gospels. He did not write it as things happened, (keep a journal every day), but wrote down these things several years after Jesus was crucified. Matthew seems to have written mostly to the Jews. He wrote much about the fulfillment of prophecy in the Old Testament. The fact of what happened was more important than the order in which it happened. Matthew was from the area of Galilee. Most of what he writes covers about a year and a half of the ministry of Jesus that was spent in Galilee.

The book of Mark is the shortest of the four gospels, and deals only with the ministry of Jesus. Mark does not tell us anything of the birth or early life of Jesus. He is said to have lived at Jerusalem, and been convinced that Jesus was the Messiah by the preaching of Peter. He writes mostly about the time spent in Galilee, and gives many details of the events during the last days of Jesus' life in and around Jerusalem. He emphasizes Jesus as the true and only Son of God. He deals mostly with the miracles that Jesus did. He doesn't tell a lot of his teachings, or parables, but presents his supernatural powers as the Son of God to do miracles.

Luke wrote the third book in the New Testament. Luke was a medical doctor by occupation. It is supposed that he was not a Hebrew, but was of Gentile descent, possibly a Syrian from Antioch, and saved under the preaching of the apostle Paul. He was a traveling

companion of Paul, who was the apostle to the Gentiles. Much of the gospel of Luke deals with Jesus as being human as well as the Son of God. Luke tells us much that the other writers leave out. He is the only one who tells of the birth of Jesus, and the angels announcing his birth to the shepherds. We learn from Luke about Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple when he was forty days old, and also about his going to Jerusalem when he was twelve years old. Luke seems to write about the life of Jesus as it happened more than the others. Matthew seems to have written more about events pertaining to the Jews. Mark wrote more about miracles. Luke includes all of these, his birth and early life, his teachings, parables, miracles, and other events that happened. We can probably trace the activities of Jesus as they happened more from the book of Luke.

John wrote to the Gentiles. He began with the fact that Jesus was God and with God before the world was created. John deals mostly with things that happened in Judea that the other writers do not tell us about. He does not tell us many of the parables that Jesus taught, and very few miracles that he did. The miracles are mostly ones the other writers leave out.

So you can see it takes all four gospels to get the whole picture of the life of Jesus. We must read and study all of them to know what happened. We do not need to know any more in order to accept him as the Son of God who came to be our Savior. Jesus traveled all over the land where the Jews lived, and into some surrounding areas. On one occasion a certain scribe told Jesus, "Master, I will follow you anywhere you go." Jesus wanted him to understand he didn't realize what he was saying. He told him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." After Jesus left Nazareth, was baptized, and began preaching, he did not have a home. He spent time in the homes of friends, or alone in the mountains or wilderness where he communed with God.

Jesus did not stay in one place, because he wanted all men to know him. When he did miracles, if the people accepted him, he taught them. If they did not accept him, he went to another town. Many times Jesus walked off from a crowd, and his disciples did not understand. Jesus would tell them he needed to go to another city so they, too, could hear the truth about the kingdom of God. There were no telephones, radios, or television, so news spread person to person. News of Jesus spread fast. Everywhere he went, crowds followed him. Most of them did not follow him to learn the truth. They followed him out of curiosity or to benefit from his presence. Many of them just wanted to see something unusual. Many of them followed him because he gave them food to eat. There were a few who believed he was the Son of God and followed him because they loved him and wanted to be in his presence. Some brought their friends or family who were sick or crippled to Jesus so he could make them well.

Jesus had compassion on people many times and healed them. He had compassion on people who had followed him all day and were hungry, so he fed them. But the same people, he sent home the next day because he said they only followed him for the free food. Just to heal people because they were sick, or just to feed people because they were hungry was not the reason Jesus came into the world. He came to seek and to save those who were lost. He only

did the miracles to prove he really was God's Son and really did have the power of God. Not everyone who followed Jesus and saw his miracles did so because they believed he was the Son of God. Some accused him of having a devil, and doing his miracles by the powers of evil. On one occasion they brought to him a man who was possessed with an evil spirit, and could not see nor speak. Jesus healed him by the power of God. The people who saw it were amazed and said this was the power of God. The Pharisees were angered, and said it was the power of Beelzebub, the prince of the devils. If Jesus had done his miracles simply because he felt sorry for people, he would have healed everyone. Pity was not the reason, but to show the power of God so they would accept him as the Messiah was the reason.

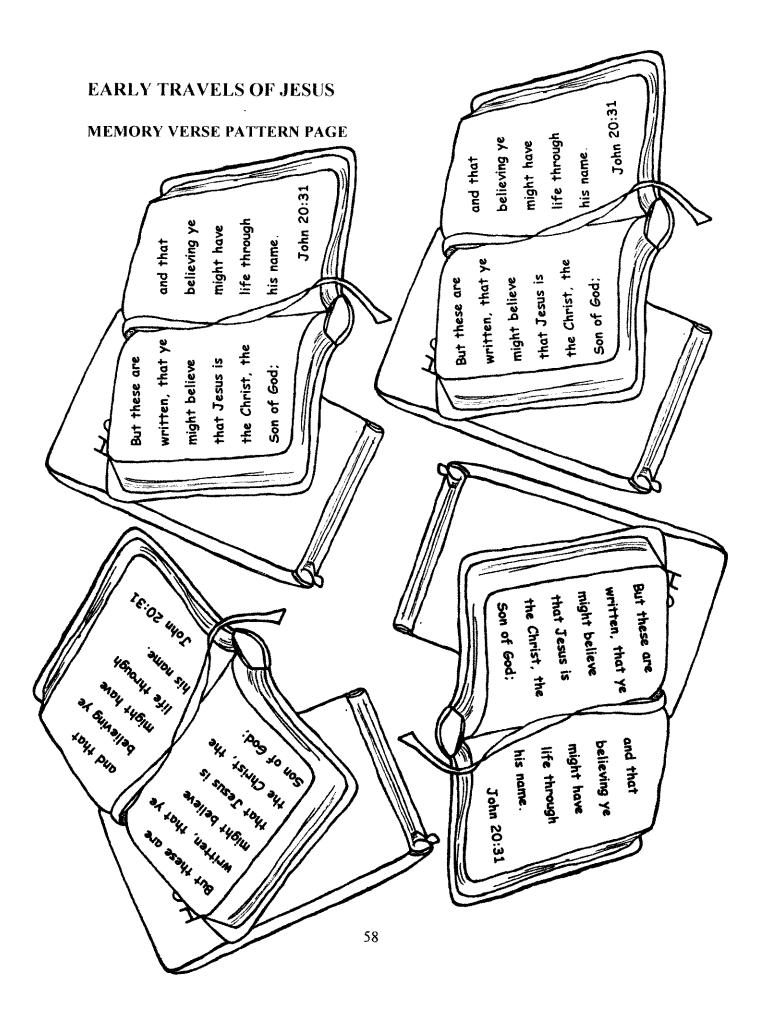
The Jews were looking for a king to come and sit on the throne of David in Jerusalem. They were under the rule of the Roman Empire, and did not like it. When Jesus came, those who accepted him as the Messiah thought he should be king right then. On one occasion Jesus slipped away from the crowd because he knew they wanted to take him by force and make him their king.

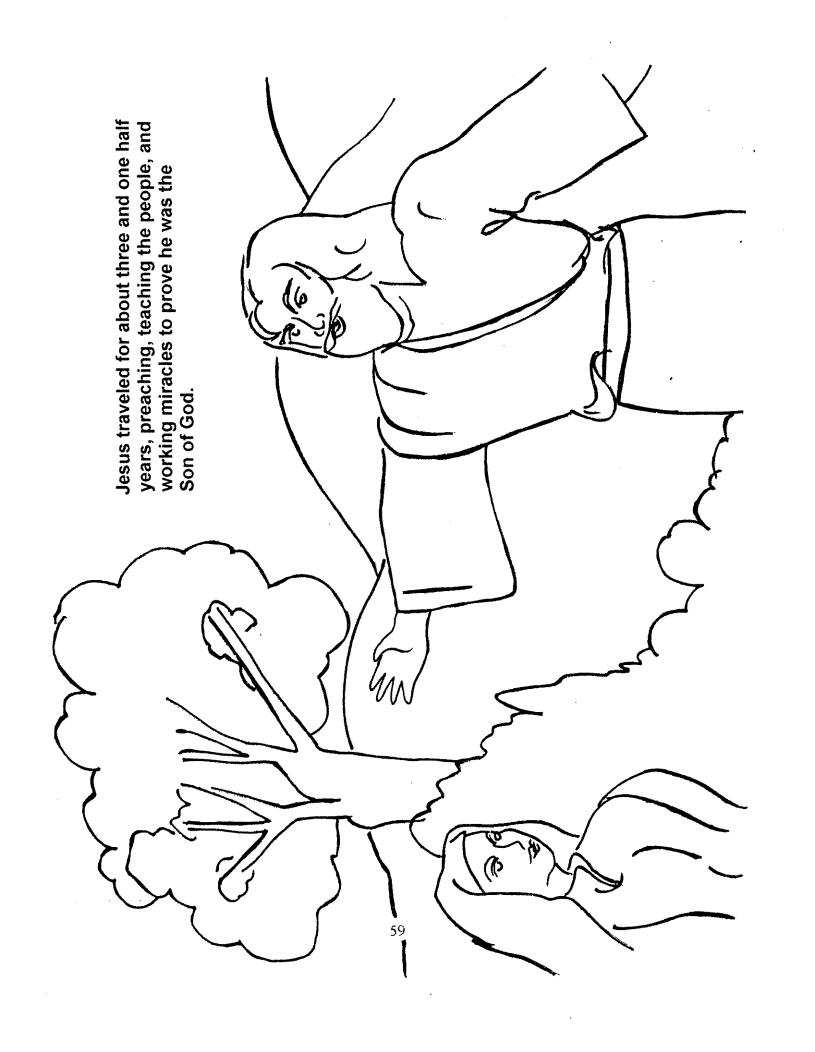
For about three years Jesus traveled and taught the people about the kingdom of God. All of his traveling was to spread the knowledge of God. Word spread fast when he was coming into a certain town, and a crowd would be waiting for him. People all the way up in Capernaum heard of the miracles he did at Jerusalem, and they were anxious for him to return. Sometimes they followed him across the Sea of Galilee. Sometimes they waited for his return when he went across the sea. Some followed him out of love. Some followed him out of curiosity. Some followed him out of selfishness. The Pharisees followed him to try to find something he did wrong so they could have him put to death. He stayed away from Jerusalem on some occasions because he knew the Pharisees wanted to put him to death, and the time for his death was not yet. When the Samaritans accepted him, he stayed for two days and taught them. On other occasions when the Jews rejected him he slipped away to protect his life.

In our lessons so far we have followed Jesus from Nazareth where he grew up to Bethabara on the Jordan River where he was baptized. He went into the wilderness area for forty days before he began calling his followers and manifesting to the people that he was the Son of God. He went to Cana where he did his first miracle, and then to Capernaum for a few days before going to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. He traveled around Judea baptizing those who accepted him, and then returned to Galilee, stopping in Samaria for two days to teach the Samaritans. Much of his ministry was spent in Galilee. He went to his home town of Nazareth and taught in the synagogue. The people rejected him and cast him out of the synagogue and out of their city. He went to Cana where the people were glad to see him. Then he went to Capernaum where the people anxiously waited for him to return. When Nazareth rejected him, he used Capernaum as his home town.

MEMORY VERSE: John 20:31

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."





Choose from the words below to fill in the blanks.

1. Jesus was baptized in the __ _ _ _ River.

2. He did his first miracle in ______.

3. He went to ____ for the Passover Feast.

4. His disciples baptized in _____.

5. He talked to the woman at the well in ______.

7. He chose _____ to be his own city.

Capernaum Car

Samaria

Judea

Jerusalem

Nazareth

Jordan

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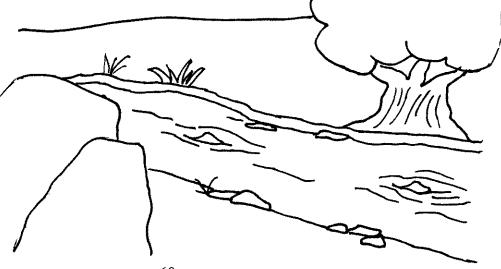
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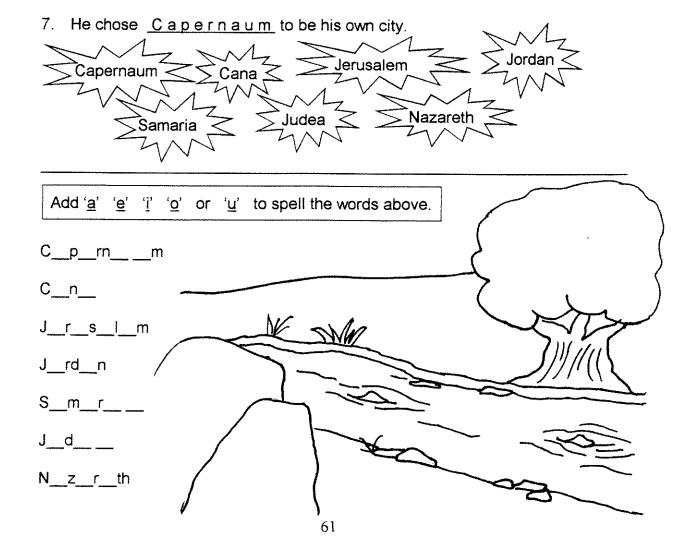


EARLY TRAVELS OF JESUS

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- 5. He talked to the woman at the well in <u>Samaria</u>.
- 6. They threw him out of the city of Nazareth.



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- 3. He went from Cana to <u>Capernaum</u> for a few days.
- 4. He went from Capernaum to <u>Jerusalem</u> for the Feast of the Passover.
- From Jerusalem he went into <u>Judea</u> where his disciples baptized those who believed on him.
- 6. When he heard that the Jews complained to John because his disciples baptized, he returned to Galilee. He went through Samaria on the way to Nazareth, where he was cast out of the city.
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- From Cana he returned to <u>Capernaum</u>

Nazareth

Bethabara

Cana

Judea

Jerusalem



EARLY TRAVELS OF JESUS

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Look up the scriptures and fill in the blanks. John 21:25) "And there are also _____ other ____ which ____ did, the which, if _____ should be _____ every one, I suppose that even the itself could ____ contain the ____ that should be ____." Amen Matthew 2:23) "And he _____ and ____ in a ____ called Matthew 3:13) "Then cometh ______ from _____ to _____ unto __, to be _____ of him." John 2:11] "This beginning of did in of ." John 2:12 "After this he went down to _____" John 2:13)"And the Jews' _____ was at ____, and ____ went up to . John 3:22) "After these _____ came ____ and his _____ into the land of _____." John 4:3 "He left _____, and _____ again into _____." Luke 4:16 and he came to ______, where he had been _____ up: and, as _____ custom was, ____ went into the _____ on the

Luke 4:31 **)**"And _____down to ______, a city of _____."

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HEALING THE NOBLEMAN'S SON

John 4:45-54

The first time that Jesus went to Jerusalem after he was identified as the Son of God, he worked miracles there to prove that he was who he claimed to be. If he was not the Son of God, he could not do the things that took supernatural powers. The Feast of the Passover was a very important event for the Jewish people. Many, many people came from all over the Jewish area for this occasion. The town was crowded, the temple was crowded. When something unusual happened many people heard about it. When Jesus did miracles, many people saw them, and many others heard about it. Some of the people who saw the miracles that Jesus did were from Galilee. When they returned home from the feast they had news to tell about the wonderful things they had witnessed in Jerusalem.

When Jesus heard that there was some confusion about his disciples baptizing people who accepted him in Judea, he left to go back into Galilee. On the way he met the woman of Samaria at the well and revealed to her that he was the Christ that the Samaritan people believed would come one day. She told the men of the village of Sychar, and they begged Jesus to stay and teach them. He stayed for two days, and then went back into Galilee. When he came to Nazareth and spoke in the synagogue, the people did not like what he said, and threw him out of the city. But when he went to other cities in Galilee, the people received him. They were anxious for him to come. They wanted to hear what he said in their synagogues. Many of them had been at Jerusalem and saw the miracles he did. Others had heard of these miracles from those who had been there. They wanted Jesus in their area. They were not hostile toward Jesus, but believed him to be the Son of God.

When Jesus left Nazareth, he came again into the city of Cana where he had earlier done his first miracle, when he turned the water into wine at the wedding feast. John is the only writer who tells us of the miracles done in Cana. Word spread fast that Jesus was back in Galilee, and that he was in Cana. There was a man who lived at Capernaum, who heard that Jesus had come back from Judea into Galilee. He had heard of the miracles that Jesus did at Jerusalem, and he had faith that Jesus could do miracles. He did not wait for Jesus to come to his city. Instead he went looking for Jesus. We do not know the man's name. The Bible just calls him a nobleman. He was either a man of royalty or a man of great wealth to be called a nobleman. He was probably a ruler in the city of Capernaum. He had a fine home. He had lots of money. He had many servants. But he had a problem he could not solve. He had a little boy who was very, very sick. He loved his son very much. He was deeply grieved that his son was sick. He had the best doctors, but none could make the child well.

Capernaum was possibly 15 or 20 miles from Cana. When the nobleman heard that Jesus was in Cana he set out to find him, confident that he could help him. He had heard that Jesus had made sick people well. He believed that if he could bring Jesus to his house, he could make his little boy well. Even though it was several miles away, he went as quickly as he could.

The nobleman did not send his servants. This was too important. He went himself to find Jesus. The nobleman traveled all day, and it was the next day before he reached Cana. He went as quickly as he could through the streets looking for Jesus. As soon as he found him he begged him to come back to Capernaum with him and heal his son who was so sick he was almost ready to die. Jesus did not get up and immediately go with the nobleman. First he told him, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." Jesus told him, "Unless you see me do miracles, you will not believe that I am sent from God." The man did not argue with Jesus, but he begged and insisted that he come now or his son would die before they could get there. He did believe that Jesus was sent from God. He did believe that Jesus had the power to make his son well. He insisted that they must hurry because there was not much time. They must go now or his son would die.

When Jesus saw his faith, he said, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." Jesus told him to "Go back home. Your son is alive. Your son will live." Again, the nobleman did not argue with Jesus. The man believed Jesus. He did not question why Jesus would not go with him. He did not question how his son could live if Jesus did not come. Verse 50 tells us, "The man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way." When the man heard Jesus tell him to go home, his son would live, he believed him. It was that simple. He had faith that everything would be all right. He believed Jesus, and he started home.

Something happened at his home in Capernaum that same day. Suddenly the fever left the child, and he was well. The servants set out to find the nobleman. There was no need now for him to bring Jesus back with him, because the child did not die. He was well. The nobleman traveled all day on his way home. The next day as he got nearer to Capernaum, he met his servants on the road. They had good news for him, "Your son lives." They told him not to worry any more, his son was alive and well. The nobleman remembered the words of Jesus, and he asked the servants, "Exactly at what time did the child begin to get better?" They said, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." That was about one o'clock in the afternoon. That was at the very same time that the nobleman was talking to Jesus. The father knew that it was exactly the same hour that Jesus said to him, "Go home, your son lives."

The man and his servants hurried back to his home. He was anxious to see his son. He told all of his family and his servants what had happened, and that it was Jesus who had made the child well. Not only did the nobleman believe, but also all of his household believed that this man named Jesus was indeed the Son of God. Jesus had worked a miracle without being there with the child. He knew who the child was, and he knew where the child was. He knew what was wrong with him that made him so sick. He could heal him without waiting two more days to get back to Capernaum. He could just speak and the child was well. This was the second miracle that Jesus did in Cana, of Galilee.

Jesus left Cana and went back to Capernaum. He had been thrown out of the synagogue in Nazareth, his hometown, so he could not remain there. He could not come and go from Nazareth, so he adopted Capernaum as his hometown.

He went back there because he had much work to do. He had other disciples to call, and a message to preach. Mark 1:14-15, "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." John the Baptist had been placed in prison by King Herod so he could no longer preach about the kingdom of God. John had been sent from God to prepare the hearts of the Jewish people to receive Jesus as the messiah that God had promised. John had preached that they must repent of their sins and not depend upon the laws of God to make them good. John identified Jesus as the Son of God who had come to live in the world. Now his work was finished. It was time for Jesus to preach and teach the people that he was truly the Son of God who had come to forgive their sins and become their savior.

MEMORY VERSE: John 4:50

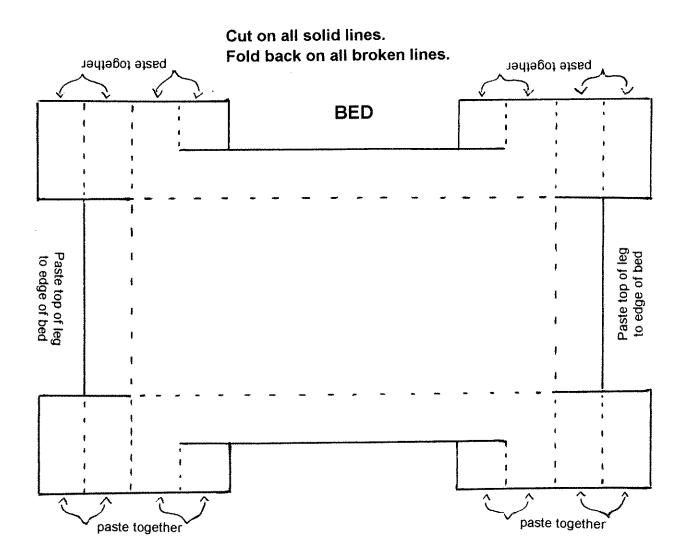
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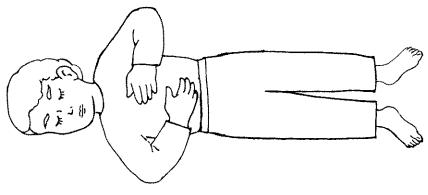
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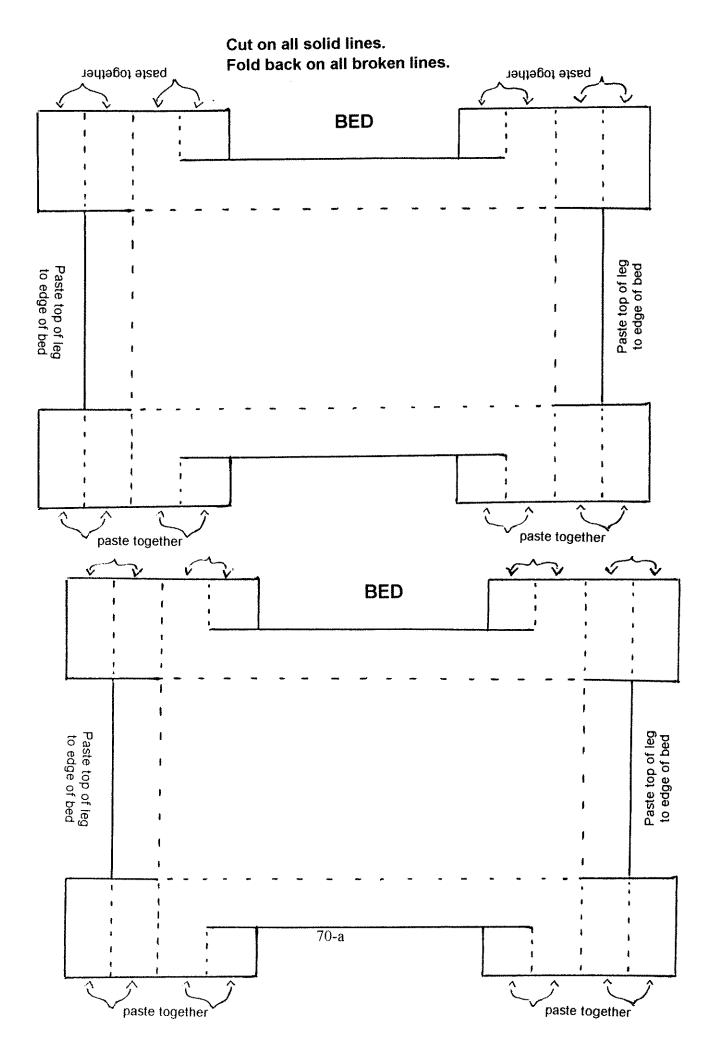
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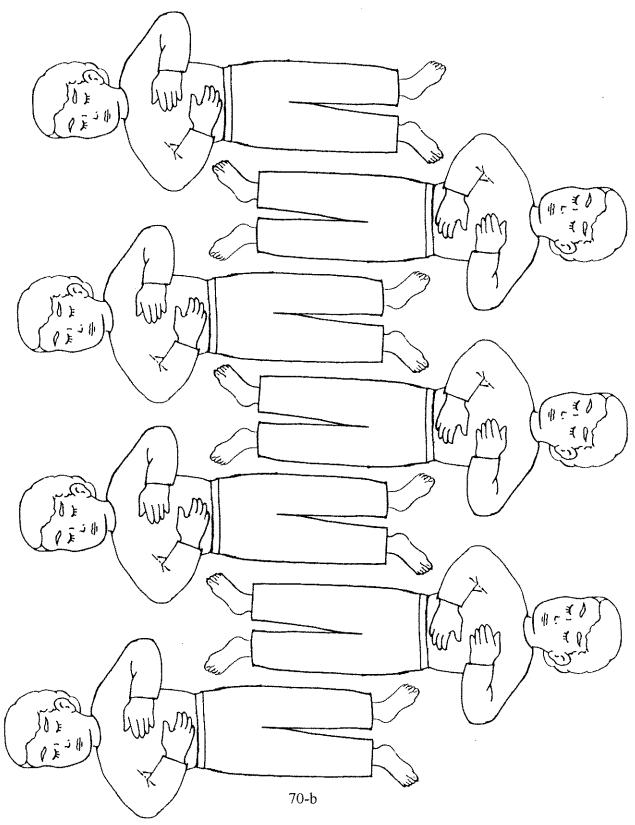


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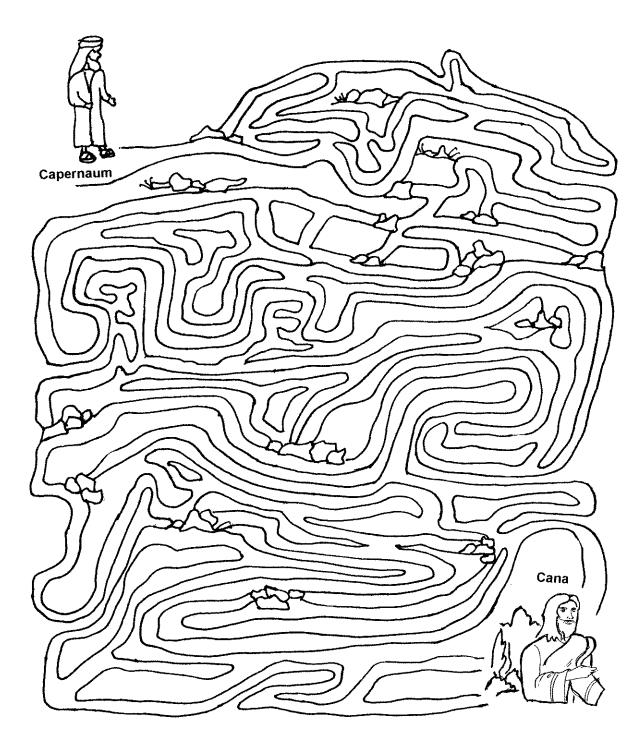


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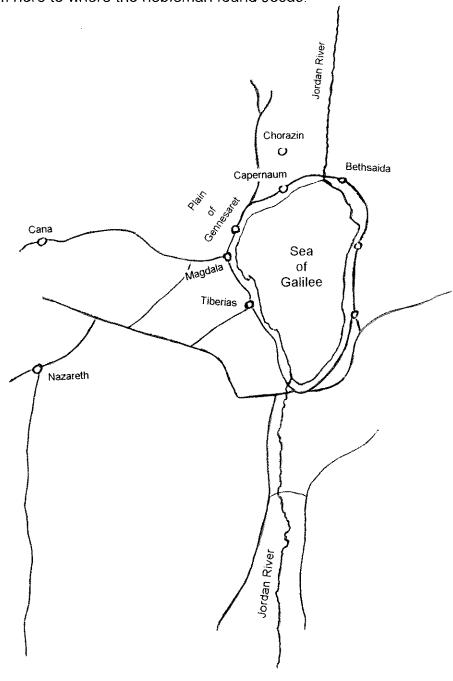


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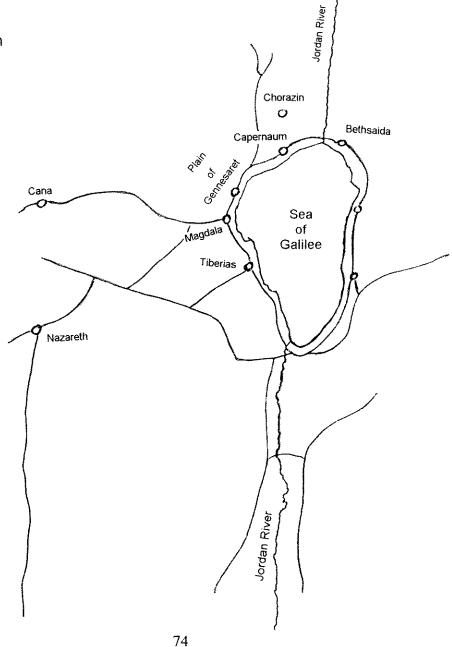
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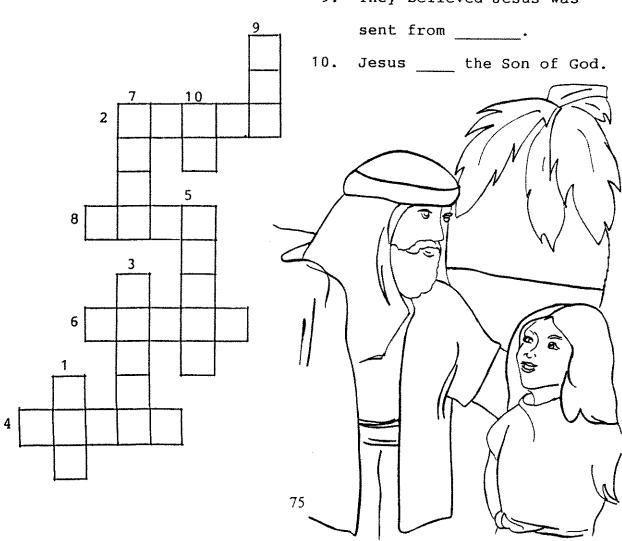
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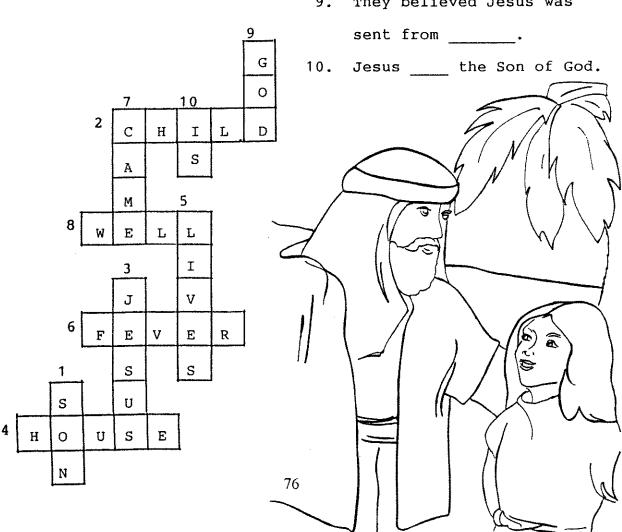
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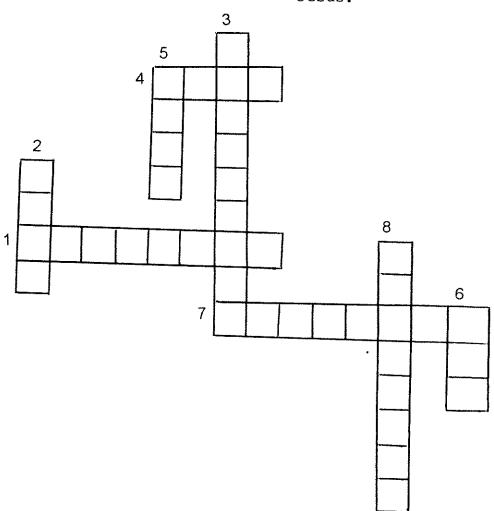
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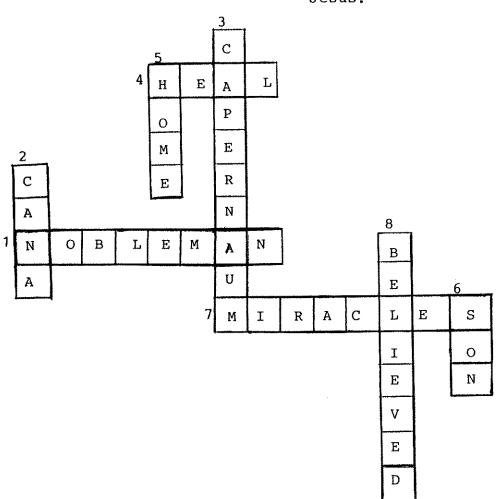


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JESUS GOES TO CAPERNAUM

Matthew 4:12-17 Mark 1:14-15 Luke 4:31-32

Jesus grew up in Nazareth, but during his personal ministry on earth he came and went from Capernaum which is twenty miles from Nazareth. When he was about thirty years old he left Nazareth, and he never came back there to live. He left Nazareth and the home of Mary and Joseph and went to where John the Baptist was baptizing those who accepted his message that the messiah had come, the kingdom of heaven was near. He was baptized by John and God announced to the world that he was the Son of God, sent to redeem the world from sin. He began to gather his followers. John, Andrew and Peter came with him back to Bethsaida where he called Philip to follow him. Philip brought his friend Nathanael to Jesus and he also became a follower. They went with Jesus to Cana where he performed the first miracle when he turned the water into wine at the wedding feast. The disciples along with Mary and Jesus' brothers went to Capernaum for a few days. They followed Jesus to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, where he revealed to the chief priests that he would be crucified, but in three days he would rise again. He did miracles in Jerusalem to prove he was the Son of God.

When Jesus and his disciples left Jerusalem and preached throughout Judea, they began to baptize those who accepted his message. John the Baptist was still baptizing in and around the Jordan River area. He condemned King Herod for taking Herodias, his brother's wife to be his wife. This angered Herodias so much she wanted to have John killed. Herod feared the people, because so many believed him to be a great prophet, and he had a large following. Instead of killing John, Herod had him put in prison (and later beheaded). John's mission in life had been fulfilled. He had baptized those that Jesus took and began his church. John said that Jesus must increase and he must decrease. He knew that it was time for him to end his ministry. When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he left Judea and went back into Galilee.

On the way to Galilee he stopped to rest at Jacob's well outside the city of Sychar, a Samaritan village. The people of Samaria begged him to stay with them and teach them the truths about God. They wanted him to come to their town. They wanted him to stay with them. Jesus stayed and taught them for two days, and afterward he went on into Galilee. Some places where Jesus went, the people received him well, and some places they did not. Wherever Jesus was on the Sabbath, he went into the synagogue and preached.

Jesus returned to his home town of Nazareth. He grew up in Nazareth. He knew the people in Nazareth, and the people knew him. They knew him as the son of Joseph, the well known carpenter. They knew him as a good person who never got into trouble, and always helped people. They knew him as an obedient son when he was growing up. They knew him as a smart man, and possibly a prophet. They did not know him as the Son of God. They knew him as a human. They did not know him as deity. Jesus went into the synagogue, probably the same one where he studied as a boy. He acknowledged to the people that he was the promised messiah, and it angered the people. These were the people he had known all of his life. They

were the people he grew up around. They wanted him to do miracles like he had done other places, just so they could see something spectacular, not because they believed he was the Son of God. Because of their unbelief he refused to do miracles. When the people in the synagogue heard Jesus say he would not heal their sick and do other miracles for them, Luke 4:28-29 tells us they all were "filled with wrath, and rose up, and thrust him out of the city," taking him to the edge of a cliff where they intended to throw him down headfirst on to the rocks below, killing him. Jesus escaped by the power and protection of God, and went to Capernaum. The people of Nazareth would not receive him, so he adopted Capernaum as his city.

Capernaum was a seacoast village on the western shores of the Sea of Galilee, close to Bethsaida. It was a military post, having a Roman garrison established there. It was large enough to have its own synagogue where Jesus taught many times on the Sabbath. The synagogue was said to have been built by the centurion, the head of one hundred Roman soldiers who were stationed at Capernaum. He was not a Jew, but because of his respect for the Jews he allowed and helped them to have a synagogue where they could worship their God. Besides the Roman garrison, the city also had a customs station (Matthew 9:9) where the people paid taxes. Matthew was a tax collector at Capernaum. A large volume of money was handled at the customs station. It was a busy town. Along with Bethsaida, it seems to have been a fishing village, with many industries associated with the fishing trade. It, or Bethsaida, was the hometown of Peter and Andrew. Mark 1:29 indicates Peter and Andrew lived in Capernaum. John 1:44 says they were of Bethsaida. Bethsaida must have been the fishing village from which they participated in their occupation, and their home may have been in Capernaum.

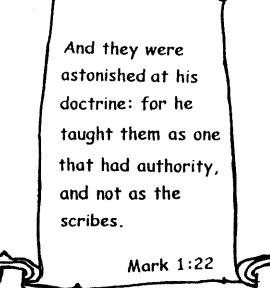
The Sea of Galilee was a large inland body of fresh water, fed by the Jordan River. It was filled with many kinds of fish. It was surrounded on all sides by mountains. There were two places where there were not high hills: at the north where the Jordan River flowed into the sea, and at the southern tip where the water flowed back into the Jordan River again. A roadway surrounded the Sea of Galilee, connecting Capernaum and many other towns that were on the seacoast. The Sea was about sixty miles from Jerusalem. It was about thirteen miles long from where the Jordan River flowed in and back out again. At the widest point, it was about seven and a half miles across. It was called a sea because it was so large, even though it was fresh water.

Mark 2:1 indicates there was a house in Capernaum where Jesus and his disciples regularly stayed. Jesus considered Capernaum his "own city". Many of the parables were taught by Jesus at Capernaum, and about one third of the miracles recorded were done there. Jesus was well known in Capernaum. The people welcomed him there. They knew of his miracles in other places, and they wanted him in Capernaum. Mark 1:21-22 tells of Jesus going into the synagogue on the Sabbath and teaching the people. "And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes." The scribes were men who spent their time copying the scrolls. The scrolls contained the law of Moses and the prophets. The scribes copied the law. They knew what the law said. They copied the

prophecies of the ancient writers. They knew what had been prophesied about Jesus coming into the world. They were knowledgeable men. They were good teachers. But something was missing. They did not have the personal knowledge of Jesus as the Son of God. They could teach the laws and the commands regarding worship, but they did not fully understand them. They could teach what the prophets said, but they did not fully understand what the prophets meant. Jesus knew and understood about God because he was God. He was the Son of God. He had authority to teach that no man had.

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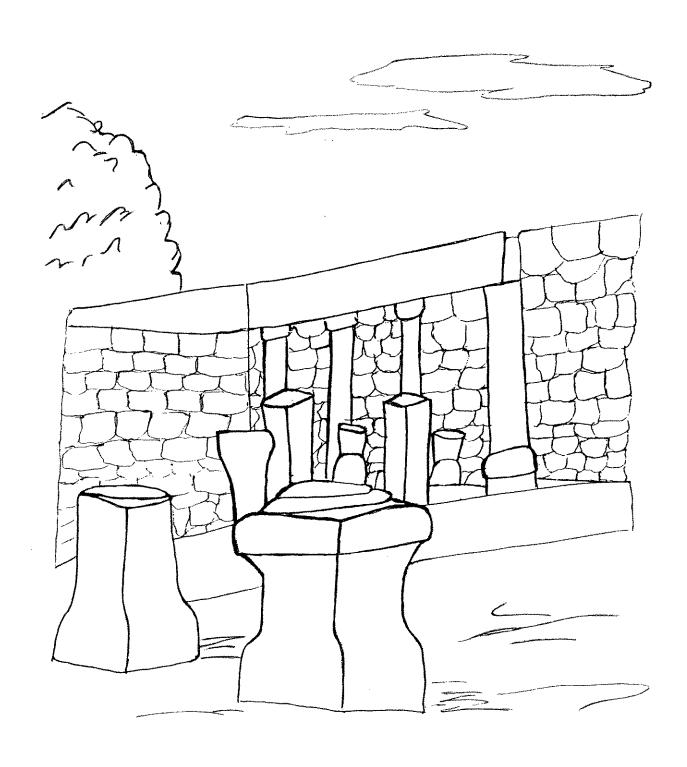
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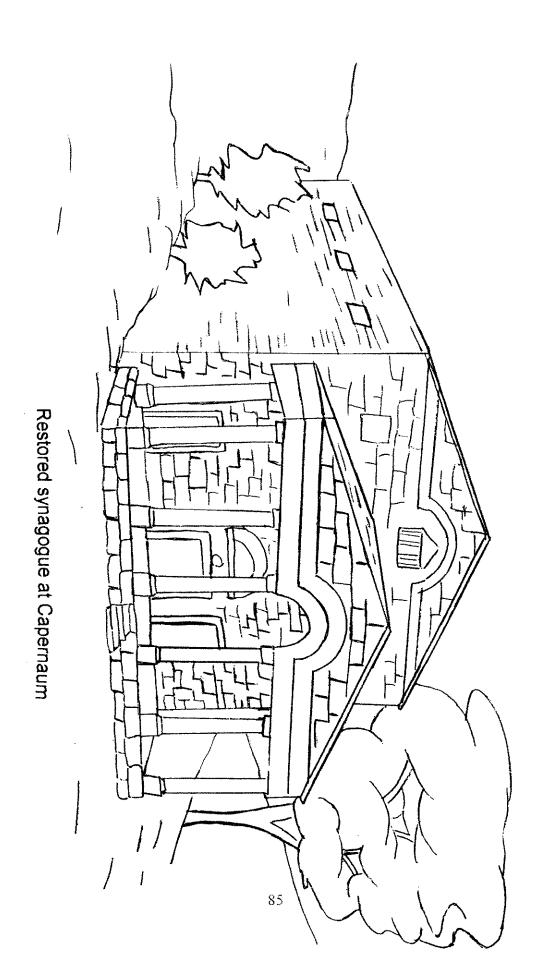
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JESUS GOES TO CAPERNAUM





Ruins of ancient Synagogue in Capernaum



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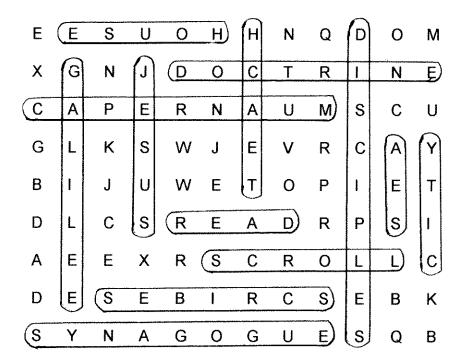
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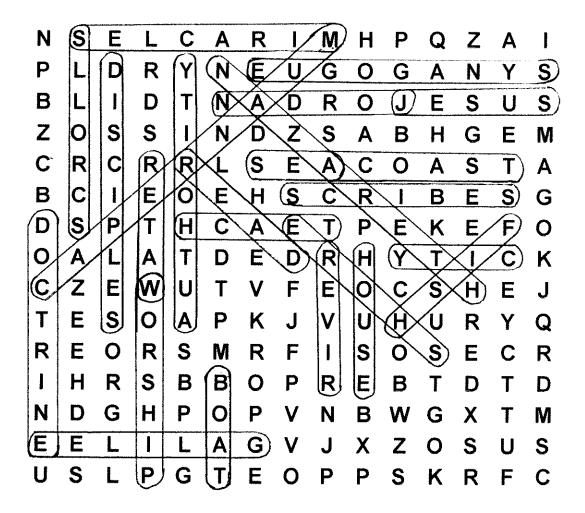


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FISHERS OF MEN

Matthew 4:18-22 Mark 1:16-20 Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was not allowed to come and go from Nazareth, His hometown, because the people there did not accept Him as the Son of God. They cast Him out of their city, so He went to Capernaum. This is where He seemed to be "at home". He chose this as "His own city". Many of the miracles He did were in or around Capernaum or the Sea of Galilee. We do not know how long Jesus stayed in Capernaum, but it was for many weeks in the area of Galilee. Luke 4:31 tells us He came to Capernaum and taught them on the Sabbath days (plural). He healed many people and worked many other miracles. Luke 4:43-44 tells us He traveled to other cities and taught in the synagogues (plural) of Galilee.

While Jesus was in Capernaum He spent time in the home of Peter. Peter and Andrew were from this area. They along with James and John were fishermen who fished the Sea of Galilee. Apparently during the time while Jesus was in the area of Capernaum, Peter and Andrew practiced their trade of fishing for a living. The Sea of Galilee was about thirteen miles long and seven and a half miles across. It was filled with many kinds of fish. It provided a good occupation for many people.

The Sea of Galilee is also know by other names. In the Old Testament it was known as the Sea of Chinnereth. Chinnereth was a town in the tribe of Naphtali. Numbers 34:11 uses the Sea of Chinnereth as a border of the land the Israelites would inherit. Around the fortified city of Chinnereth was a plain. The mountains were back quite a distance from the seacoast, and the area from the foot of the mountains to the sea was a flat, fertile plain that produced many walnuts, palms, fig trees, olives, and grapes. It was along the seashore north of the city of Magdala, and known as the plain of Chinnereth. Chinnereth is known in the New Testament as Gennesaret and the plain of Gennesaret. Luke 5:1 refers to the Sea of Galilee as the Lake of Gennesaret, and John 6:1 refers to it as the Sea of Tiberias. Tiberias was a town farther down the seacoast from the city of Magdala. The sea was located in the area of Galilee, so we usually call it the Sea of Galilee, but it was also identified by some of the towns on the seacoast. When you read of the Sea of Chinnereth, the Lake of Gennesaret, and the Sea of Tiberias, they are all the same Sea of Galilee.

The Sea of Galilee was a busy place and was very important to the people who lived around it. A roadway surrounded the sea and connected many seacoast towns and fishing villages. It was a busy commercial area. It provided a means of transportation by boat to other towns around it. The foods that grew in the plains surrounding it could be brought in to the towns along the seashore. Then they were sent by boat to other areas to be sold. It provided an abundance of fish to be eaten, or sold for money to buy other things. Fishing was a main occupation. They would go out in their boats and drop nets. As the boats moved through the water, the fish would become entangled in the nets. They would pull the nets up into the boats and come in to shore.

One day a huge crowd of people followed Jesus to hear the word of God taught. He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two ships standing at the seashore. The fishermen would go out at night and fish. In the morning they would bring their ships in to the shore, unload the fish, and take their nets back out into the water to wash and clean them. They would repair any tears in them so they would be ready to use the next night. Peter and Andrew, and their partners, James and John had been fishing all night. They brought in their ships and were washing their nets. The crowd of people got closer and closer to Jesus, wanting to hear every word He said. They crowded Him to the edge of the water. He stepped into one of the ships that belonged to Simon Peter. He asked him to push out into the water a little way. Jesus sat in the ship and taught the people who gathered on the shore. When Jesus finished speaking, He told Simon to take the ship out into the deep water and let down his nets for a great catch of fish. Simon didn't understand why Jesus would tell him to take the ship out in the daytime. They caught the most fish at night, and had fished all night and not caught anything the night before. If they could not catch any at night, surely they could not catch any in the daytime. Simon said, "Master, we have worked all night, and caught nothing, but if you tell me to, I will let down the nets." He did not understand why Jesus told him to go out into the deep water and let down the nets, but he would do it if Jesus said to.

When Simon Peter obeyed the command of Jesus and let down the net, it became so filled with fish that they could not handle it by themselves. It was going to break the net. They called to their partners, James and John, who were in the other ship, to come and help them. They filled both of the ships so full of fish that they began to sink. They were all amazed at the amount of fish that they had taken. When Simon Peter saw the miracle that Jesus had done, he realized the greatness of Jesus and his own sinfulness. He fell down before Jesus and said, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." He was overwhelmed by the greatness and power of Jesus, and realized how insignificant he was as a human being. He did not feel worthy to even be in the presence of Jesus. Jesus told him not to be afraid. He had something greater for him to do than catch fish. Jesus said to Simon, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." "And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed Him."

When they came to shore, Jesus told them to leave their nets and their trade of fishing and follow Him. He would make them fishers of men. Instead of fishing for an occupation, Jesus wanted them to devote all of their time to Him and He would teach them what they needed to know to bring people to Him. The book of Matthew tells us that Jesus called Peter and Andrew and said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets and followed Him." Jesus walked on to the next ship where James and John were with their father, Zebedee, mending their nets; and He called them. "And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed Him."

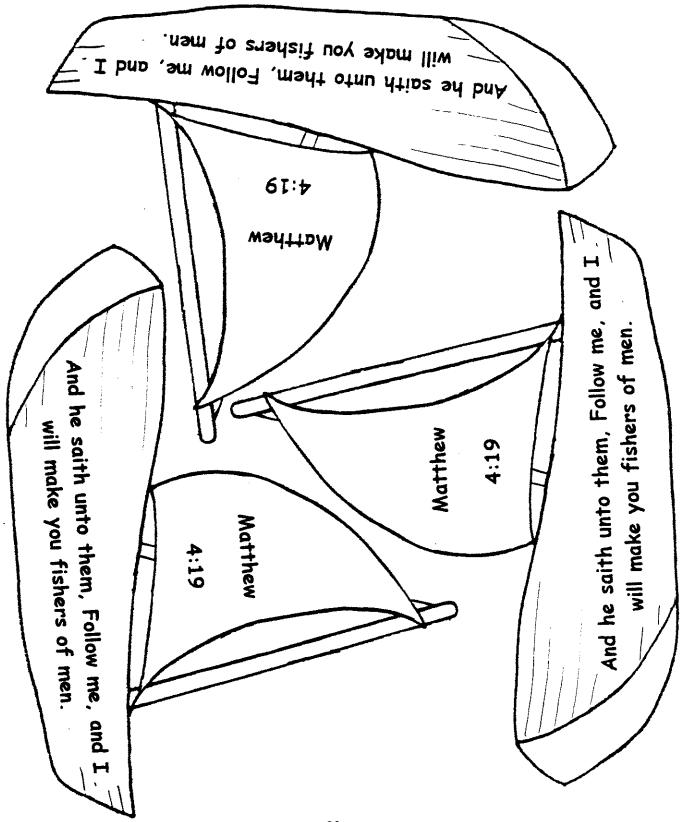
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with their father Zebedee. "And when He had gone a little further thence, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway He called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after Him." When Jesus called them they did not make excuses. They immediately left their father with the servants to maintain the business, and they went with Jesus.

They had been in the presence of Jesus for several months, but Jesus called them specifically now to come with Him and be His followers. They had heard His teachings and had seen the miracles that He did. They were convinced He was the Son of God. But they could not be in two places at once. Jesus had other places to go and other people to teach. They could not be on the Sea of Galilee fishing and also be with Jesus at the same time. Jesus wanted Peter, Andrew, James and John to leave their occupation as fishermen, and become His disciples, or followers. He wanted them to stay with Him, and learn of Him, so that they would be prepared to preach and teach after He was put to death and went back to heaven. He would not always be on the earth. He needed someone to do His work after He was gone. He wanted them to know the truths abut God, and how to tell people what they should to in order to be forgiven of their sins, and become children of God. There was no better way to learn than from Jesus Himself. They did leave their fishing, and followed Jesus. They saw the miracles that He did, and heard the words that He spoke. They were four that Jesus later chose to be apostles, or preachers. They were four of the preachers in the first church.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 4:19

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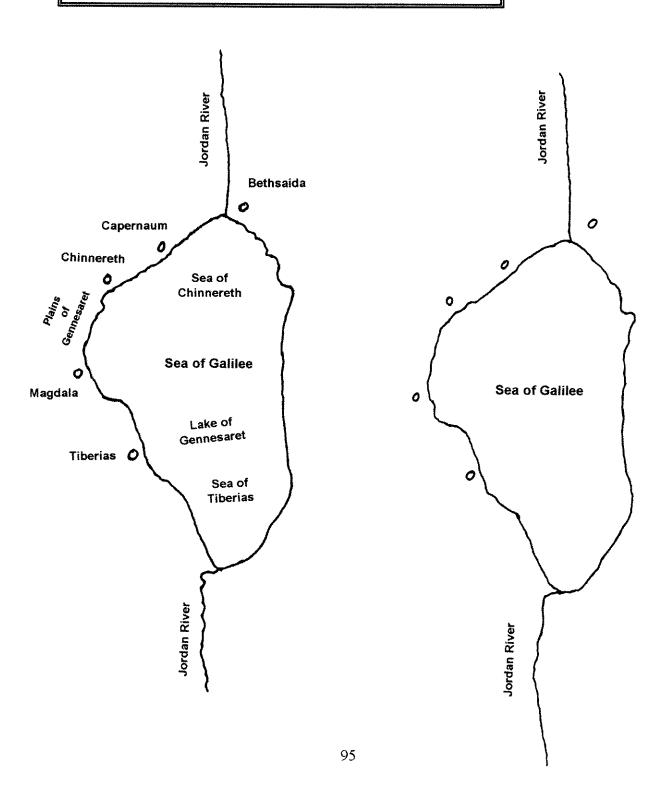


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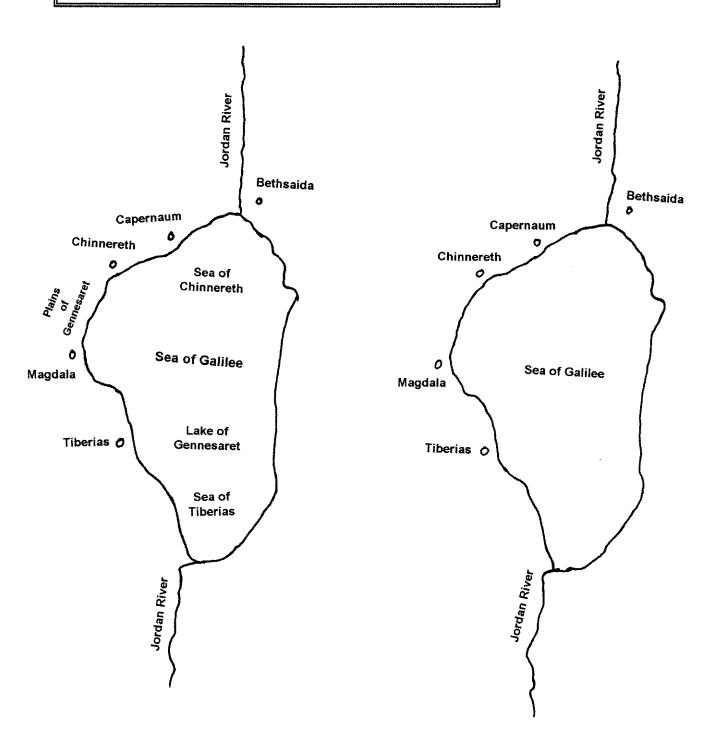


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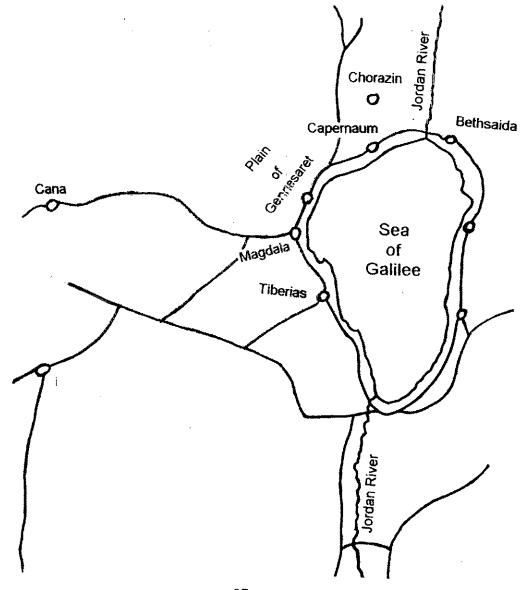
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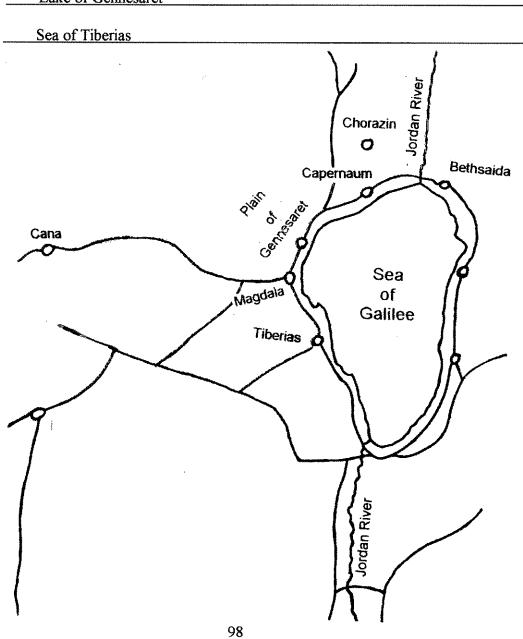
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Numbers 34:11 Sea of Chinnereth

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JESUS CALLS MATTHEW

Matthew 9:9-13 Mark 2:14-17 Luke 3:12-13; 5:27-32; 7:29-34

Matthew lived at Capernaum, a city on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Matthew was a publican, or a tax collector. This was his occupation. The land of Israel at this time was under the rule of the Roman Empire. Many years before, because of their rebellion against God, God had allowed them to be conquered by other nations. Many of the Jews had been scattered into other nations by being carried away as prisoners and slaves. They did not get to return and live in their own land that God had given to them when He brought them out of Egypt as a nation and settled them in the land of Canaan. Hundreds of years later they still were not their own nation. Many of their descendants returned to the land, and those who were living in the land of Canaan during the time that Jesus was born were still not an independent nation. They were under the rule of the Roman Empire. They had a king, but he was subject to the Caesar in Rome. They had their laws that God had given to Moses, but they were also subject to the laws of the Roman Empire.

The Roman Empire levied taxes upon the people of Israel. In order to collect the taxes from the Jewish people, there were men who worked as publicans. A publican was a man whose occupation was to collect the tax money from the Jews for the Roman government. In order to receive pay for their work, they could add on a certain amount to the amount of the taxes, and keep this for themselves. This was the custom. This was allowed. However, many publicans abused this privilege, and added on too much for themselves. Actually, they stole from the people by charging them too much taxes and keeping more than a fair amount for their pay. Not all publicans were dishonest, but most were. This gave all publicans a bad name. The Jews hated the Roman Empire. They disliked paying taxes, and they hated the publicans. They called them sinners. Because many of them cheated, they were all disliked, and called sinners.

Matthew was a publican who collected taxes in Capernaum. In the case of Zacchaeus, the Bible tells us was dishonest. When he met Jesus he admitted to being dishonest and wanted to make it right. He was willing to give back all he had taken wrongly, and more, to make up for the sin. The Bible doesn't indicate that Matthew was a dishonest publican. But just being a publican made him disliked by the people. Jesus knew the heart of Matthew, and knew he was a good man, and would make a good disciple. Later Matthew was among the twelve chosen to be apostles.

Jesus walked by where Matthew sat at his table collecting the tax money. Jesus said to Matthew, "Follow me." Matthew did. Matthew immediately left his occupation of publican and became a disciple of Jesus. To be a disciple, one must stay in the presence of Jesus all the time. To follow Jesus, one had to leave their homes, families, and jobs and travel with Jesus. They had to go everywhere he went, hear everything he taught, and see all the miracles that he did. Matthew could not be in Capernaum collecting taxes and also be with Jesus hearing his teachings. He left his job and followed Jesus, learning from him.

Matthew traveled with Jesus the remainder of the time that Jesus was on the earth. He heard what Jesus taught. He saw the miracles that Jesus did, proving that he was the Son of God that the Jewish people had been looking for. Later, after Jesus was crucified, Matthew wrote the first book in the New Testament. He wrote from first-hand experience. He had been with Jesus for about three years. Being led by the Holy Spirit he wrote down the things that we need to know about Jesus, who he was, and what he did while he was on the earth.

Matthew was probably a wealthy man, most tax collectors were. Matthew made a great feast, or banquet, at his home for Jesus. He invited many of his friends who were also tax collectors, or publicans. Jesus and his disciples were there. Many of the scribes and Pharisees from the synagogue were not invited to the banquet, but they came to Matthew's house. When something happened, everybody in the town knew about it. Wherever Jesus went, many people followed. He always attracted a crowd. The scribes and Pharisees gathered outside Matthew's home and watched as Jesus and his disciples ate with the other publicans who had been invited to the feast. The Pharisees did not understand why Jesus would eat and drink with these people, who were sinners. They considered Jesus to be a prophet, and no good Jew would eat and drink with sinners. If he was a prophet he should not be eating and drinking with sinners. Finally they asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does your Master eat with publicans and sinners?" Jesus heard what they asked, and he said in Mark 2:17, "They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Jesus said if a person is well, he does not need to go to a doctor. It is only the person who is sick who needs to go to a doctor. Doctors are for sick people. Jesus did not come to try to convince the Pharisees that they were not righteous (sick and needing a doctor). He came to forgive those who realized that they were sinful and in need of a Savior. The Pharisees believed that if they did not break the law, they were not guilty. If they were not guilty of doing anything wrong, they did not need to repent and be forgiven. Jesus did not come to call the righteous to repentance. He said, "I came to call sinners to repentance." It was those who realized they were sinful and needed a Savior who loved and followed Jesus. Many publicans admitted they had done wrong. They heard Jesus' words and repented of their sins. Jesus spent more time with the common people, and the sinners than he did among the leaders of the synagogue. When a person realizes he is sick, he will go to the doctor and get the necessary medicine to make him well. When a person realizes he is lost, he will turn to Jesus for the necessary forgiveness to make him a child of God.

Jesus acknowledged that publicans were sinful. He put them in the same category with other sinners. But he said he came to seek and to save that which was lost. Jesus freely invited the publicans to be a part of the kingdom of God. It is through repentance of sins and faith in Jesus as the Savior that one becomes a child of God. Many publicans repented of their sins and became children of God. Many publicans were baptized by John the Baptist. In Luke 3:7 some came to John to be baptized, and he refused to baptize them. He said he would not baptize them just because they were descendants of Abraham, (Jews), but they must first prove that

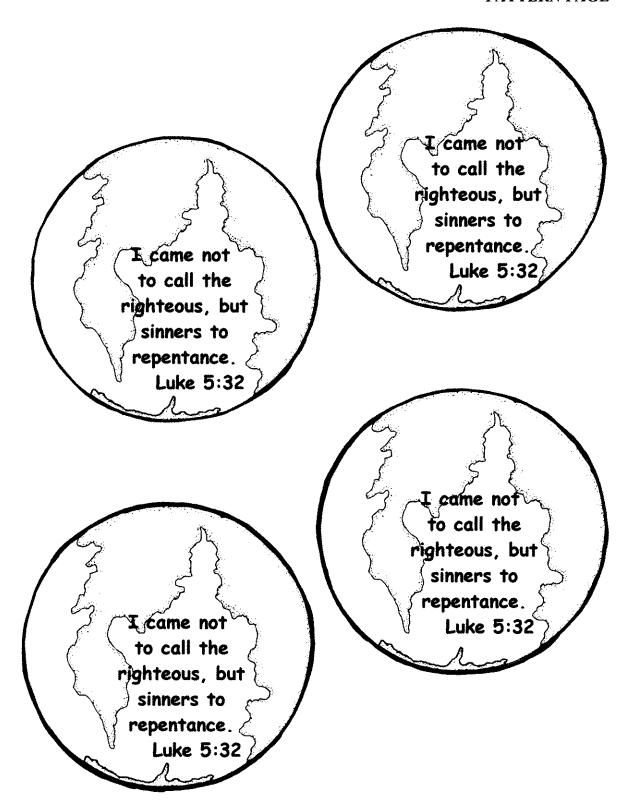
they had repented of their sins. They asked how to prove their repentance, and John told them, "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise." By the way they acted, the change in their lifestyle, they would prove their hearts had been changed. In verse 12, the publicans came to be baptized, and asked John what they should do to prove they had repented, and he said, "Exact no more than that which is appointed you." Do not charge any more money than they should. If they quit cheating the people out of their money when they came to pay their taxes it would prove that their hearts had been changed. When the soldiers came and asked what they must do to prove that they had repented, John said not to be violent with people when they were enforcing the law, not to accuse anyone falsely, and not to complain about the amount of money they were paid for their work. If a person's heart is changed by the forgiveness of Jesus, he will be willing to change his lifestyle. Jesus would not accept the Pharisees just because they were Jews; he accepted those who knew they were sinful and asked for forgiveness.

Matthew was a publican, but he believed in Jesus as the Son of God, and he was forgiven by Jesus of his sins, whatever they were. Jesus called him to come and follow him. The Pharisees were critical of him because he associated with Matthew and the other publicans. On another occasion when Jesus was speaking of the Pharisees, he said they were like children playing in the marketplace. They argue because everyone will not do like they say. One says, "We have piped, and you have not danced. You won't play the game like we made the rules." Another says, "But we played a sad game of mourning, and you didn't cry." No one can be satisfied. Jesus said, "When John the Baptist came, he lived in the desert and ate the food he could find in the wild, the locusts and wild honey, and wore rough clothing of camel's hair tied with a leather belt. You criticized him for being strange. You said he had a devil." Then Jesus said, "When I came, and sit with the people, and eat and drink their food, you say I am a gluttonous man and a winebibber." A gluttonous person is one who eats too much. When John came and did not eat as other people did, he was weird. He was considered a strange person But when Jesus ate and associated with the people, that was wrong, too. The Pharisees could never be satisfied.

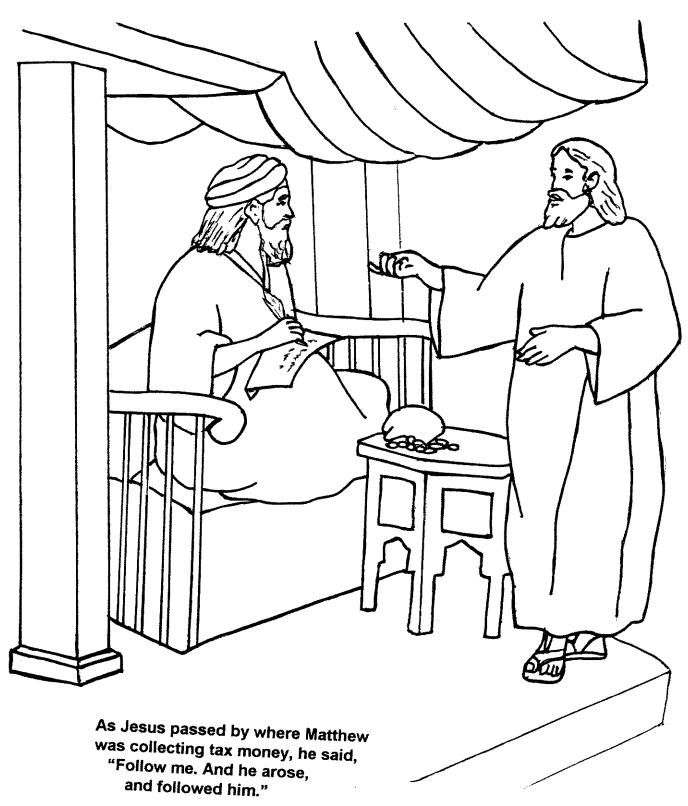
MEMORY VERSE: Luke 5:32

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

MEMORY VERSE PATTERN PAGE



JESUS CALLS MATTHEW



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them.

Jesus loved M_tthew _nd knew th_t he would be _ good disciple. Jesus loved _ll public_ns _nd _ll sinners. He s_id "I c_me to seek _nd to s_ve th_t which w_s lost."

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Add the letter 'a' to each blank and read the story.

Jesus called Matthew to follow him and be his disciple.

Matthew left his job as tax collector and followed Jesus. The Romans made the Jews pay taxes to them. The men who collected the taxes were called publicans. Sometimes the publicans charged too much money. They cheated the people. They were called sinners because they took money that did not belong to them.

Jesus loved Matthew and knew that he would be a good disciple. Jesus loved all publicans and all sinners. He said "I came to seek and to save that which was lost."

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Jesus called Matthew to follow him and be his disciple. Matthew left his job as a publican and followed Jesus. The Empire made the Jews pay taxes to the Roman government. Matthew lived in Capernaum. He collected the tax for Capernaum. Publicans were called money sinners by the Pharisees. The people called the publicans sinners because they cheated them when they charged too much money.

Jesus did not come to the earth to tell the Pharisees

that they were not righteous. He came to forgive the sins

of every person who will repent of their sins. Jesus

spent more time with the sinners than he did with the leaders

of the synagogues. When a person's heart is changed he

will act like a christian.

Jesus said: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Matthew 4:23-25 Mark 1:21-28 Luke 4:31-37

Early in the ministry of Jesus he had heard that John the Baptist had been thrown into prison, so he returned into the area of Galilee. It was time to call his followers and begin assembling his church, and preparing for his crucifixion. The Sea of Galilee was a large body of water surrounded by high mountains. It was in this area that much of the commerce was carried on. There were busy cities surrounding the Sea of Galilee. One of them was Capernaum. It was here that Peter and Andrew lived. They were fishermen, and worked the Sea of Galilee. As Jesus walked by the sea he saw them casting their nets, and called them to leave their trade of fishing, and be his disciples. He would make them "fishers of men". He wanted them to preach the gospel. He wanted them to travel with him and learn from him so they could carry on his work after he was crucified and ascended back into heaven. As they walked a little farther down the seashore he saw James and John with their father, Zebedee, mending their nets. They, too, were fishermen. Jesus called them to also leave their trade of fishing and be his disciples.

Jesus, along with Peter, Andrew, James, and John went into Capernaum. It was the Sabbath day so Jesus went into their synagogue and began to teach the people who had come to worship. They were astonished at his doctrine. His teaching was different from the scribes. He taught as one who had the authority to do so. He knew everything about the scriptures. When he explained them, the people were amazed.

There was a man in the synagogue who was possessed with an evil spirit. You will remember from our study of the angels who the evil spirits are. When Lucifer sinned against God and was cast out of heaven, he brought with him one-third of the angels. He became the devil, or Satan, and the angels who came with him became evil spirits. They are the ones who cause all of the sin and bad things that are in the world today. This man was totally controlled by this evil spirit so that he could not function as a normal person. The other people in the synagogue knew this man, and knew he was tormented day and night by this evil spirit. The evil spirit also knew Jesus. He had been in the beginning with Jesus before the world was created. He knew Jesus before he was born into the world as the Son of God in human flesh. When this spirit was cast out of heaven along with the others who followed Satan, he knew that someday he would be conquered by Jesus. He knew the power of God was greater than the power of Satan. When he saw Jesus in the synagogue, he was afraid the time had come for him to be destroyed. The evil spirit cried out, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth?" He wanted Jesus to just go away and leave him alone. Then he asked Jesus. "Are you come to destroy us?" Then he said, "I know who you are. You are the Holy One of God." The evil spirit knew Jesus was God's Son, and that he would destroy all evil. He wanted to know if now was the time for him to be destroyed. He knew he could not escape the wrath of God, but he didn't want it to happen now. He wanted Jesus to just go away and leave him alone.

Jesus rebuked the spirit. He said, "Hold thy peace, and come out of him." The demon could not withstand the power of Jesus. He cried out in anguish, and came out of the man. He no longer tormented him. The man was now peaceful and calm. The people were amazed. They asked among themselves, "What new doctrine is this? This man has the power and authority to command even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." They had never seen anything like this before.

Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon Peter. Word spread fast about what had happened that day at the synagogue. Mark 1:28 tells us that, "Immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee." When Jesus got to Simon's house, they told him that Simon's mother-in-law who also lived there was very, very sick. She had a high fever. Jesus came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. She was well. She was not sick any more. She was able to get up and prepare food for them to eat, and care for them as guests in her home.

The end of the Sabbath day was at sunset. So as the sun began to go down, people began to show up at the door of Simon's house. They had left the synagogue and gone to find all of their friends or family members who were sick, crippled, blind, or possessed with evil spirits. They brought them to Jesus to be healed. The Bible says, "All the city was gathered at the door." Jesus healed many, and cast out many devils. When he cast out the devils they also recognized him as the Son of God as the evil spirit had done in the synagogue. They began to cry out, "You art Christ the Son of God." Jesus rebuked them because they knew who he was. They knew he was the Christ, and that he would someday destroy them.

Jesus spent the night in the home of Simon. Before it was daylight, he got up and went out into the mountains to pray. When the disciples got up in the morning, they came looking for him. When they found him, they asked him to come back, because many people were there waiting for him. Jesus did something we might think strange. He refused to go back. He said, "I must go into other cities. I must preach there also. That is the reason I came." So Jesus did not go back to Simon's house, but went throughout the area of Galilee. He spent many weeks traveling and preaching in their synagogues. His fame spread throughout all Syria, and the Syrians brought people to him to be healed. He healed people everywhere he went. Great crowds of people followed from Galilee, and from areas as far away as Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond Jordan.

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 1:28

"And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee."

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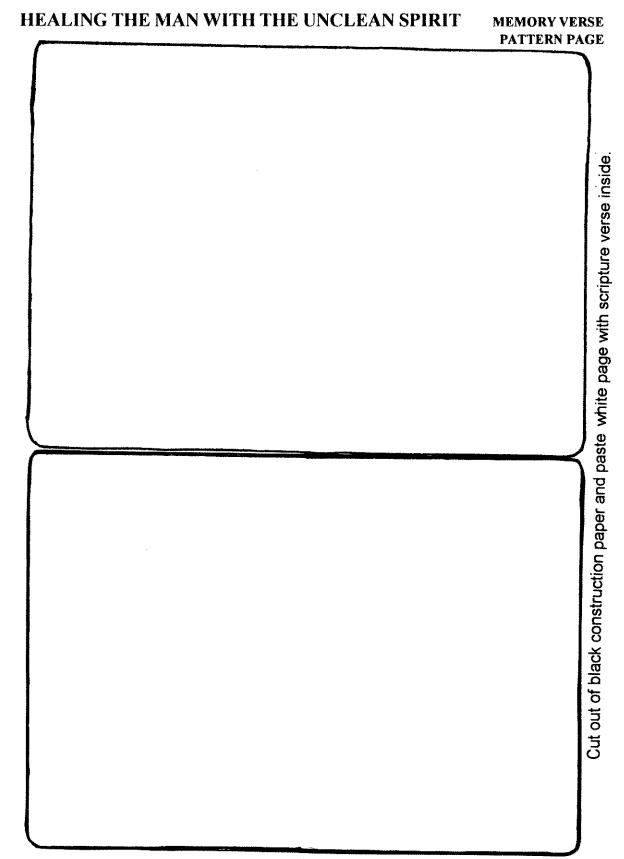
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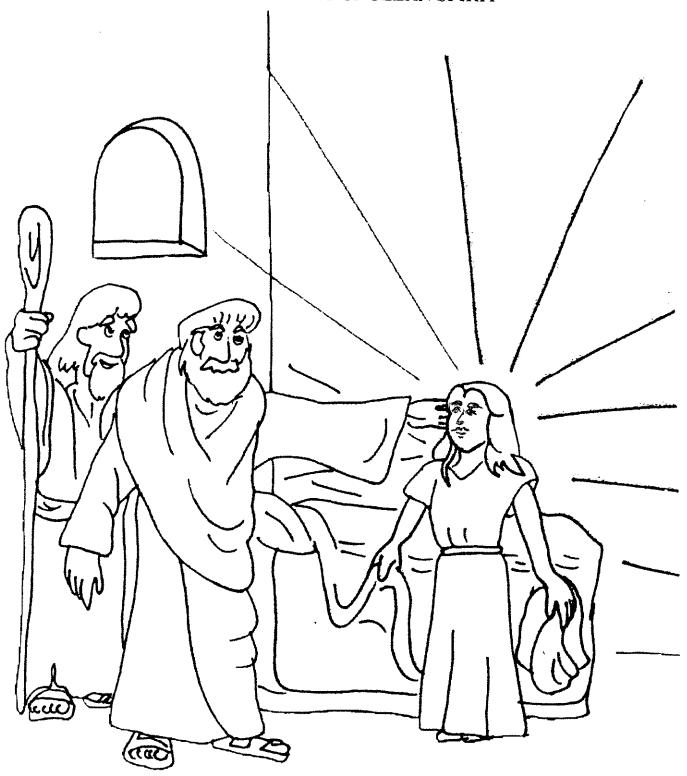
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After Jesus healed the man with an unclean spirit, he went to the home of Simon Peter and healed Peter's mother-in-law.

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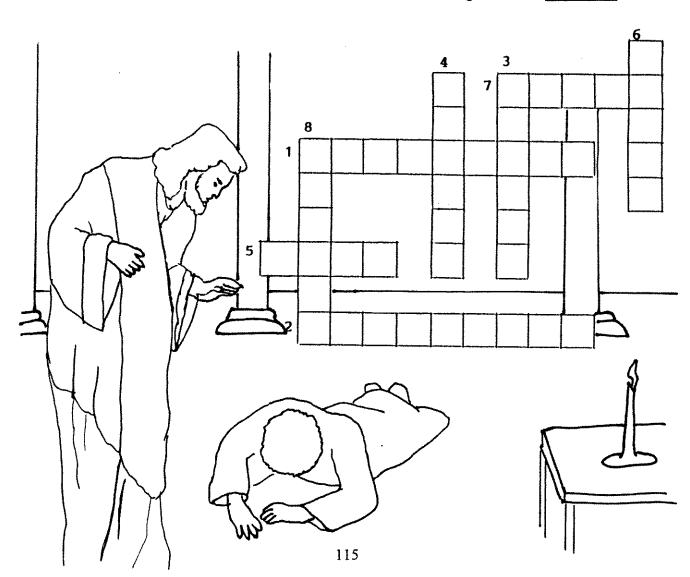
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HEALING THE MAN WITH THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT **BEGINNER ANSWER PAGE**

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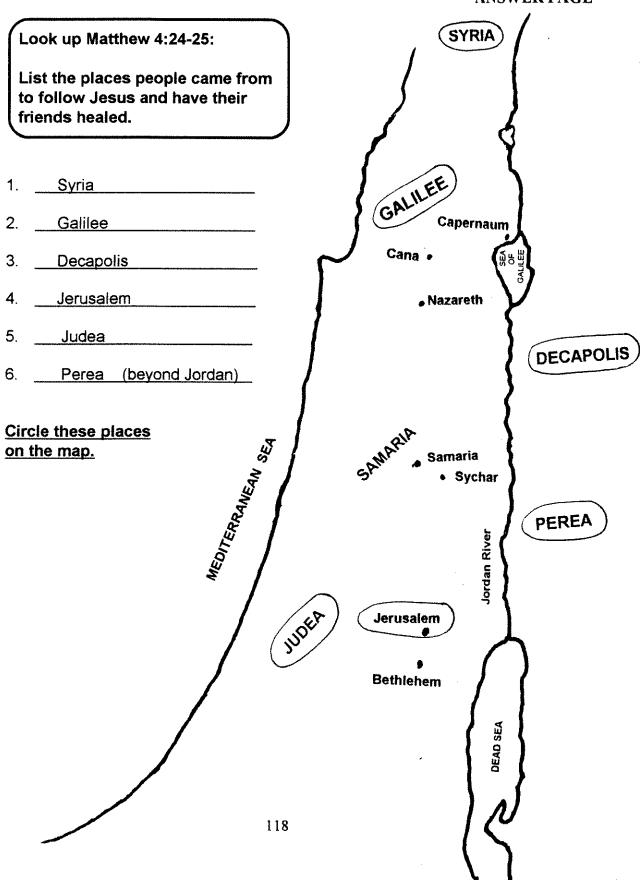
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HEALING THE MAN WITH THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT PRIMARY/JR **SYRIA** Look up Matthew 4:24-25: List the places people came from to follow Jesus and have their friends healed. Capernaum Cana . 3. • Nazareth 4. **DECAPOLIS** 6. Circle these places Samaria on the map. Sychar PEREA Jordan River Jerusalem Bethlehem DEAD SEA 117

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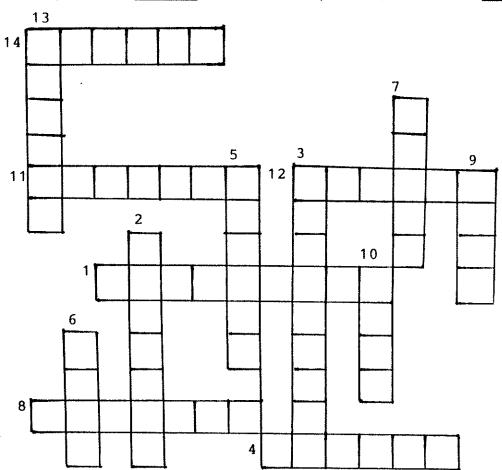
HEALING THE MAN WITH THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT PRIMARY/JR

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- 3. Jesus taught in the _____.
- 5. The man had an evil _____.
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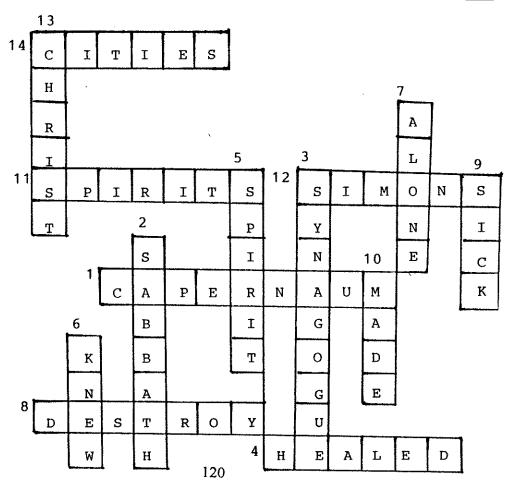


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JESUS CALLS TWELVE TO BE HIS APOSTLES

Matthew chapter 10 (1-8) Mark 3:13-19 Luke 6:12-16

Early in His ministry, Jesus selected twelve men from among His disciples to be apostles. These men had a special purpose as Jesus' followers. John the Baptist had come preaching and teaching the people that God had sent His Son, and that He was the man known as Jesus of Nazareth. Anyone who accepted the message that John preached, and repented of their sins and was baptized by John became a disciple. From the very beginning, Jesus began selecting special followers. His disciples began baptizing by the authority of Jesus, and these people also became disciples. Anyone who was a follower of Jesus was a disciple.

Jesus knew He had come to the earth for a special purpose. That purpose was to die for the sins of the world. He knew He would go back to heaven after His crucifixion. He wanted men trained to carry on His work after He was gone. He must have time to teach them personally so they would know what to teach and preach after He went back to heaven. Jesus took those baptized believers and began His church. The church was to carry on His work after He was gone.

Jesus knew it was time for Him to select from among the disciples those who would be apostles, or preachers. The church would need preachers. Other churches would be started in other cities, and they would need preachers. When the time came to make the selection, Jesus went up onto a mountain and prayed all night. He talked to God, His Father, all night. When it was morning, He came down from the mountain and called His disciples to Him. From among them He chose twelve, and called them apostles. Their names are listed in the books of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. They are also listed in the book of Acts.

Those Jesus chose as they are listed in Luke 6:14-16 are: Simon (whom He also called Peter) and his brother Andrew, James and John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alpheus, and Simon called Zelotes, Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was a traitor. (Thomas was also called Didymus.)

We have earlier accounts of when Jesus specifically called some of these men to "follow Him", and now we have the account of when He chose them to be apostles. As soon as John the Baptist identified Jesus as the Lamb of God, two men who were standing with him, Andrew and probably John, began walking behind Jesus. Jesus asked what they wanted, and they asked Him where He lived. He told them to come and see. They went to His house and stayed the remainder of the day. John 1:35-39. One of the men, Andrew, brought his brother, Simon, to see Jesus. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter. The next day Jesus went into Galilee and found Philip, of Bethsaida, the hometown of Peter and Andrew. He called Philip to "follow" Him. Philip went immediately and found his friend, Nathaniel (also called Bartholomew), and he became a follower of Jesus. Sometime later when Peter and Andrew had apparently gone back to fishing, Jesus walked by the shore of the Sea of Galilee and called

them to "follow" Him. He walked a little farther and called James and John to "follow" Him. He was in Capernaum and walked by the seat of customs, and called Levi (Matthew) to "follow Him". We don't know the specific time that the others began to follow Jesus, but Jesus knew each of their hearts, and knew that they would fill the purpose intended for each of them as His apostles.

We know the apostles as: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, Jude, Simon, and Judas Iscariot. Some of the apostles had other names. When John tells us of Andrew bringing his brother to Jesus, he said Jesus said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas." Cephas meant rock or stone in the Aramaic language. The Greek name for Cephas was Peter. From then on John referred to him as Peter, or Simon Peter. When Matthew lists the apostles, he says, Simon, who is called Peter. When Peter wrote the book of II Peter, he refers to himself as Simon Peter.

Bartholomew was probably the same Nathanael that Philip brought to see Jesus. He is listed as Bartholomew with the apostles, and his name immediately follows that of Philip. Nathanael is listed by John with many of the other apostles at the Sea of Tiberias when Jesus appeared to them after He had been resurrected. Bartholomew was probably the surname, or family name of Nathanael.

There is a second James, called James, the son of Alpheus. The first James was the brother of John, the son of Zebedee. There is a second Simon, called Zelotes, because he was a member of a strong political party that opposed the Roman government who were called Zealots. This identified him separately from Simon Peter.

There were also two men named Judas. One, Judas Iscariot, was the traitor who betrayed Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and allowed the soldiers to come and take Him. The other Judas is identified as the brother of James. Matthew lists him as Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddeus. Mark lists him only as Thaddeus. Luke lists him as Judas the brother of James. This identifies him as someone other than Judas Iscariot. John does not list the names of all the apostles, but he refers to him as Judas in John 14:22, when Jesus had met with the apostles for the Feast of the Passover and the Last Supper. Judas asked him a question, and John says, "Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?"

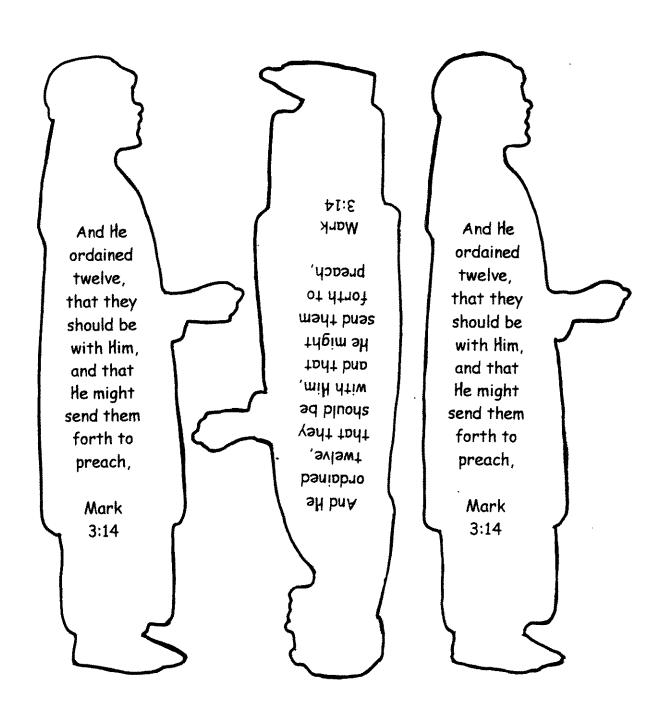
They spent all of their time in the presence of Jesus. They traveled with Him and heard His teachings. They saw the miracles He did. There were many things they did not understand. Jesus told them that after He was gone away, they would remember many things that He had taught them. Jesus gave them the power to do the miracles that He had done. They saw Him heal people. Jesus said now they would be able to heal people by His power. Jesus did it by the power of God. The apostles would do the same by the power that Jesus gave them, not in their own name, but in the name of Jesus. They saw Jesus raise people from the dead. Jesus

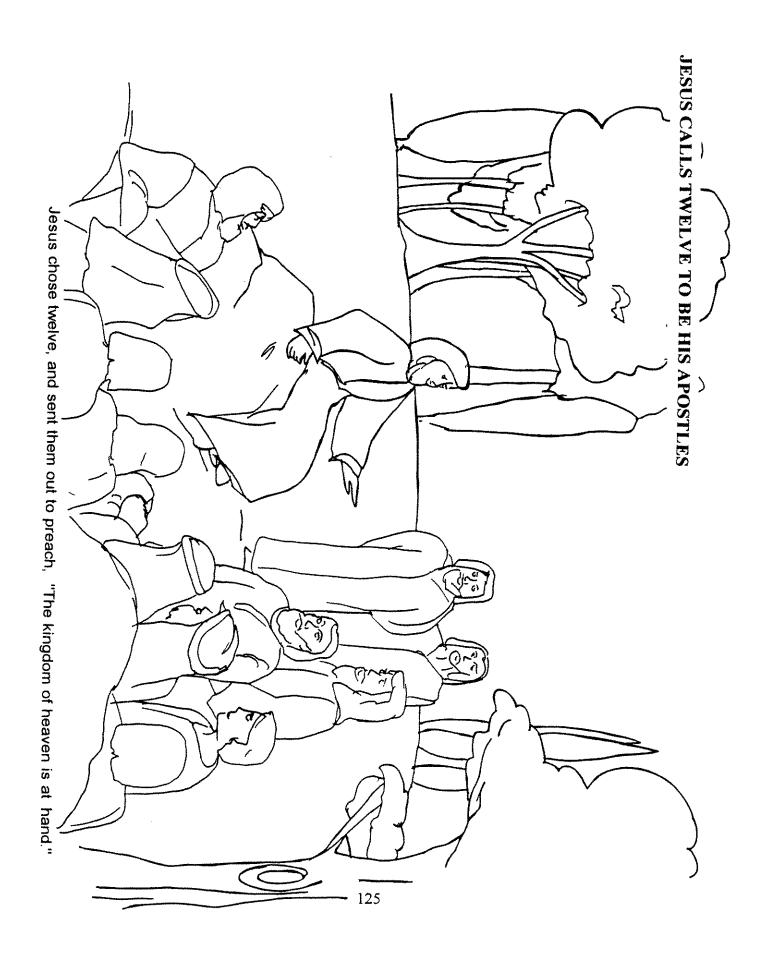
said now they could raise the dead in His name. They saw Jesus cast out devils, or evil spirits; now they could do the same. They saw Jesus make sick people well, crippled people walk, blind people see, and deaf people hear. Now they could do the same in His name, to prove they were His disciples, and the message they preached concerning Him was true.

Jesus warned them that their life would not be easy. They were not to take any money with them. They were not to take extra clothes or shoes with them. They were to depend on the people in the towns where they traveled to provide their needs. Jesus warned them that they would be persecuted for no other reason than that they preached about Him. He said they would be punished for speaking the truth. The Jews said Jesus did miracles by the power of the devil, and they would say the same things about the apostles. Jesus assured them they would be richly rewarded for faithful service. They were to preach the truth, and when they were brought before kings and governors God would reveal to them what they should say. They were to fear God more than man. The other disciples did not have the power to do miracles, only the twelve: Peter and Andrew, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James and Thaddeus (Judas or Jude), Simon, and Judas Iscariot.

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 3:14

"And He ordained twelve, that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach."





Choose from the names below to fill in the blanks:

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JESUS CALLS TWELVE TO BE HIS APOSTLES

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Choose from the names below to fill in the blanks:

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Jesus found	Philip and	said, "follow me.	"		
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James	and John	were brothers, (th	ne sons of Zebedee)		
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JESUS CALLS TWELVE TO BE HIS APOSTLES PRIMARY / JUNIOR

Match the following

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Andrew		the first disciple to follow Jesus			
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Philip		surname was Thaddeus			
Bartholomew		son of Alpheus			
Matthew	- p	Iscariot			
Thomas		brother of John			
James		the zealot			
Judas		also known as Nathanael			
Simon		son of Zebedee			
Judas		the tax collector			
Fill in the pu	zzle with the name	s of the apostles:			
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JESUS CALLS TWELVE TO BE HIS APOSTLES

PRIMARY / JUNIOR ANSWER PAGE

Match the following

Peter	Philip	the first man Jesus told"follow me"
Andrew	Andrew	the first disciple to follow Jesus
James	Thomas	also called Didymus
John	Simon (Peter)	the brother of Andrew
Philip	Judas	surname was Thaddeus
Bartholomew	James	son of Alpheus
Matthew	Judas	Iscariot
Thomas	James	brother of John
James	Simon	the zealot
Judas	Bartholomew	also known as Nathanael
Simon	John	son of Zebedee
Judas	Matthew	the tax collector

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JESUS CALLS TWELVE TO BE HIS APOSTLES PRIMARY/JUNIOR

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3. <u>Ja</u>	ımes	9	James
4. <u>Jo</u>	ohn	10	Judas (Thaddeus) Jude
5. <u>P</u>	hilip	11	Simon
6. <u>B</u>	artholomew	12	Judas Iscariot
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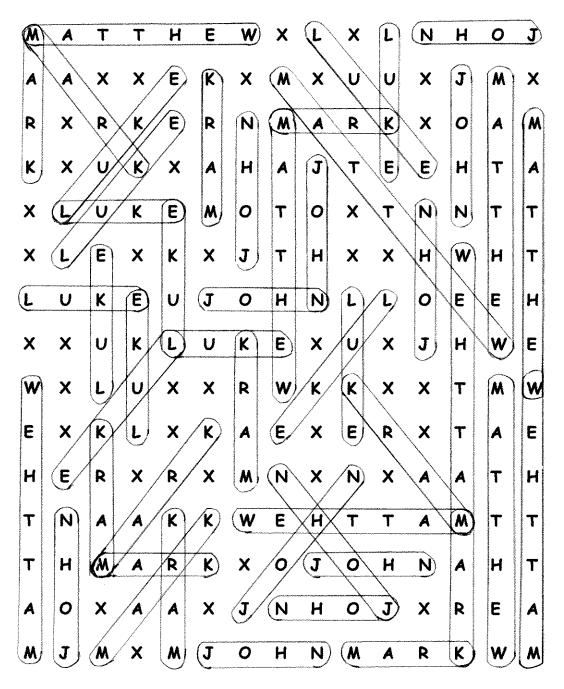
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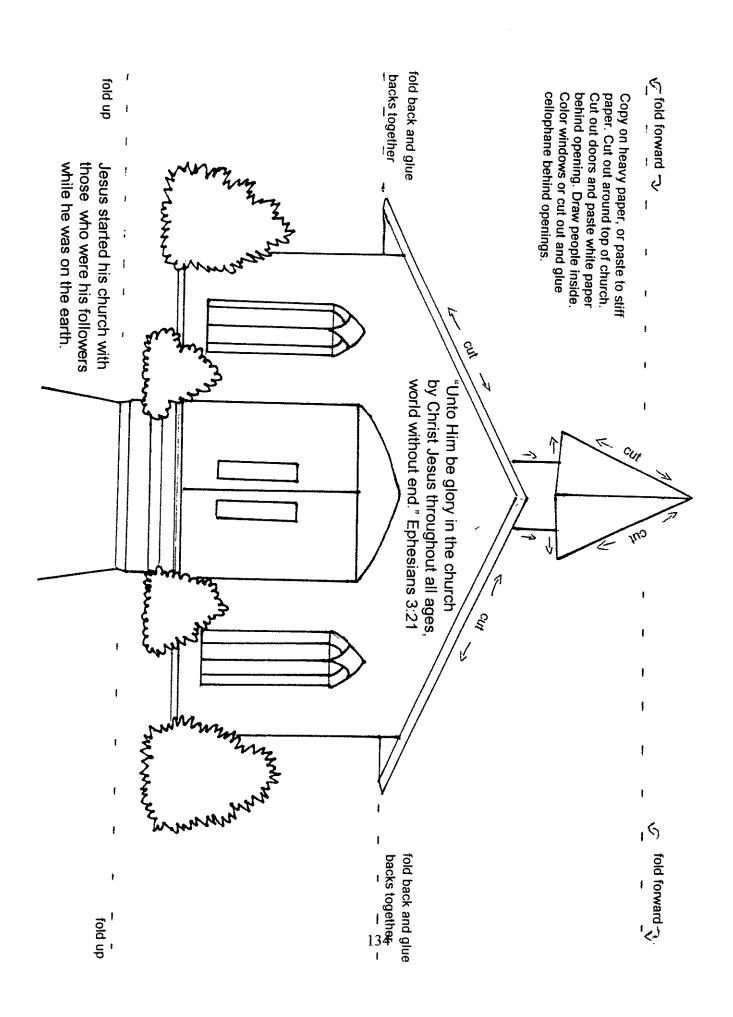
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They tell us about the life of Jesus.

How many times can you find each one in the Word Search below?

(Every letter except "X" should be used.)





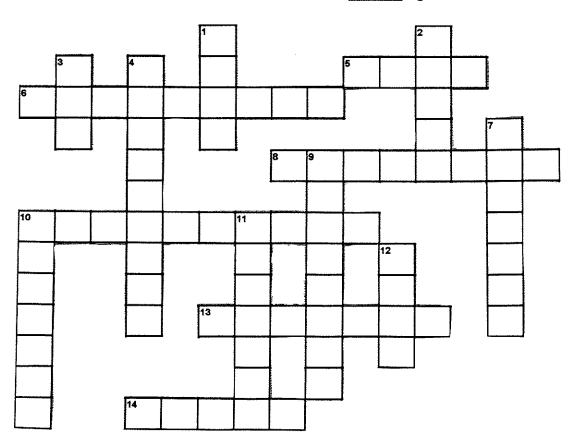
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- of men."

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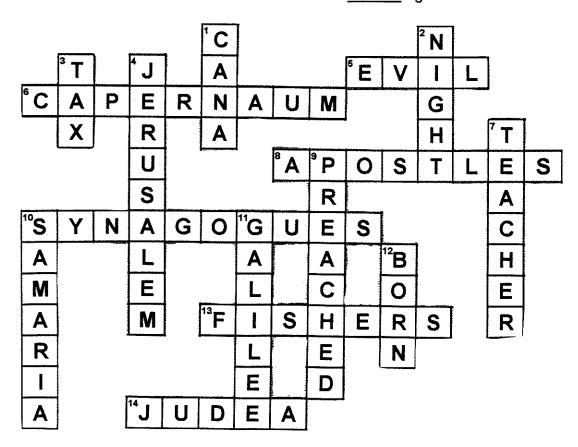
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MULTIPLE CHOICE REVIEW

Circle the correct answer:

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3.	Jesus sat down at a well to rest and talked to a woman who was a (a) Samaritan (b) Syrian (c) Moabite
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5.	Jesus was baptized by (a) Peter (b) John the Baptist (c) Matthew
6.	The first book in the New Testament is (a) Mark (b) John (c) Matthew
7.	How many men did Jesus call to be apostles? (a) eight (b) fifteen (c) twelve
8.	Jesus healed a nobleman's (a) brother (b) son (c) father
9.	Jesus healed a centurion's (a) son (b) uncle (c) servant
10.	Jesus could cast out evil spirits (a) always (b) sometimes (c) never
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7. Jesus only healed the Jewish people. True or False?
8. Jesus could heal mental sickness as well as physical sickness. True or False?
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