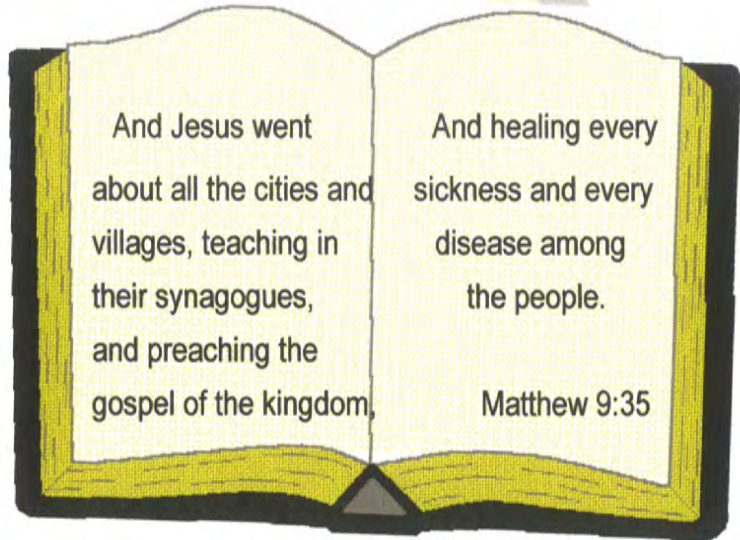


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## Note to the Teacher

Included in this notebook is a five-day series of lessons for Vacation Bible School entitled, **Jesus Defied Nature**. It is designed to teach the students that Jesus was indeed the Son of God, and He proved His power as God by defying every aspect of nature. He did the things that were considered impossible.

- Lesson 1: Jesus Defied Nature in His birth.
- Lesson 2: Jesus Defied the Nature of Agriculture
- Lesson 3: Jesus Defied the Elements of Nature
- Lesson 4: Jesus Defied the Evil Spirits
- Lesson 5: Jesus Defied Sickness and Death

Jesus spent three years preaching and teaching in Israel. The scribes and Pharisees did not accept Him as the Son of God, so He did miracles in their presence to convince them that He was who He claimed to be. He defied the natural birth process by being born without an earthly father or a sin nature. He defied the nature of agriculture by instantly turning water in wine, a process that should take months, and by multiplying the loaves and the fish. He defied the wind and the waves by calming the storm at sea, and by walking on the water. He defied evil spirits when He cast them out of the human bodies they possessed and tormented. The evil spirits knew Him and recognized Him as the Son of God. He defied every known disease and deformity by healing sick bodies, straightening crippled limbs, opening blind eyes and deaf ears. He exercised His power over death by bringing life back into dead bodies. People were amazed and said, *“surely thou art the Son of God”*. As Nicodemus said, and other acknowledged, *“No man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God by with him.”*

The lessons do not dwell on only one miracle each, but are designed to emphasize that Jesus did multiple miracles in every aspect of nature. Rather than teaching all the details of each incident, impress on the child that Jesus did many miracles of every type. He did not heal just one person, but healed many in every town or village He visited. He did not do miracles because He felt sorry for sick people, but to prove He was “Emmanuel”, “God among us”, God in human flesh.

A variety of worksheets are provided to be used at the teacher’s discretion. The lessons are produced in three-ring binder format for convenience in removing pages for copying and are reproducible for classroom use.

May God bless the use of these lessons as they are used to teach young people the truths of God’s Word.

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# It Is Written That You Might Believe

John 20:31

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It is writ - ten, It is writ - ten that you might be - lieve that Je - sus, the

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Son of God, is the Christ of Cal - va - ry. He left His home in Hea - ven to live on

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Earth a - mong men. He gave His life, the per - fect sac - ri - fice to re - deem us of our sin.

## JESUS DEFIED NATURE IN HIS BIRTH

**Scriptures:** John 1:1, 3 Genesis 1:1, 25-28 Luke 2:7-19

**Aim:** To teach that Jesus proved He was the Son of God. The power that Jesus possessed to defy nature was His by right because He was the Son of God, the physical expression of God; God in human flesh.

**Emphasis:** Because Jesus was and is the Son of God He possesses the power of God. As creator, He has the ability to control all that was created by God. The Bible was written to teach us that He is the Christ, He is God and man, and enable us to know how we may have eternal life through Him.

**Theme memory verse for the week: 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.”*

Why is the account of the life of Jesus recorded in the Bible? God inspired men to write down things He wanted us to know. After Jesus came into the world, God inspired men to write down some of the things that Jesus said, and record some of the miracles that Jesus did in order for us to know without any doubt that Jesus truly was the Son of God. God does not speak to people from heaven today. If God still spoke to men, there would be so many people claiming things God told them that there would be mass confusion, and no one would know the truth.

It would have been impossible to write down everything Jesus said and did every day of His life. John 21:25 tells us, *“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.”* We do not need to know every little detail of the life of Jesus. God chose certain men who lived when Jesus lived to write down the things that were the most important to prove Jesus was His Son. God has given us His written word so that every person who will read it can know the very same things about the life of Jesus.

Some of the things we will learn this week are how Jesus defied nature in His birth; how He defied nature by controlling the wind, the sea, and the storms. He defied the natural process of food production. He defied the evil spirits, and He defied sickness and death.

The word “defy” means “to do something considered to be impossible”. It is impossible for man to do the things Jesus did. But Jesus was there when all things were created, so He has the power to control what He created. With God these things were not impossible, and they are recorded in the Bible to teach us that Jesus was God because He could do these things. He looked like any other man, but He could do things other men could not do. When Jesus lived on the earth God wanted Him to be accepted as His Son, so He gave Him the power to do the impossible things to prove that He was the Son of God.

John 1:1, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" "In the beginning was the Word" - the Divine Expression, or Christ. Jesus was in the beginning with God.

John 1:3, "*All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.*"

Genesis 1:1, "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*" Jesus was present at the creation of the earth and all things in it, and all of the heavenly bodies.

Genesis 1:25, "*And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind.*" Jesus was present at the creation of and instituted the reproduction process of the animal kingdom.

Genesis 1:26, "*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.*" Jesus had a part in the creation of man. God is mind, spirit, and body. Jesus is the physical expression of God. Man was made in the likeness of God in that he has a mind, a spirit, and a body. The animals were not created in the image of God, so He created another being. He created man so He would have a created being in His likeness.

Genesis 1:27-28, "*So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*" Jesus was present when God commanded Adam and Eve to raise children in order to populate the earth. Yet Jesus defied the order of birth in His own birth. God created Adam and Eve, and all other people have been born into the world with an earthly mother and an earthly father, except Jesus.

### **Prophecies of Jesus' birth**

The birth of Jesus was not like any other birth that was before or has been since. He had an earthly mother but God was His father. Thus Jesus was God and man. No other man has God as his father. God becomes our heavenly father when we trust in Him and become "saved" or are "born again". When Adam and Eve sinned, God told them He would send His Son into the world to redeem them from their sin. Genesis 3:15, "*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.*" God told Satan He would send His Son to be an enemy of Satan and ultimately defeat him. Jesus had to be born as a human in order to redeem humanity from their sins.

The prophet Isaiah told of Jesus' birth in Isaiah 7:14, "*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel.*" Emmanuel means "God with us". Jesus would be God living among men on earth. Jesus would be born of a virgin - an unmarried young woman. She did not have a husband, so Jesus would not have an earthly father. God would be His father. God chose Joseph to become

Mary's husband and serve as the earthly father of Jesus in caring for Him because He knew that Joseph would raise and teach Jesus according to the Jewish laws. The angel Gabriel told Joseph to take Mary to be his wife, and see that Jesus and His mother had a home, and that Jesus was fed and clothed, and taught as other Jewish boys. Mary was His mother. Joseph served as His father on the earth, but God was His father.

Micah prophesied that He would be born in Bethlehem, and it happened just as he said. Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 60:6 that the wise men would see His star and bring Him presents, and it happened just as he said. Psalm 72:10 also states that kings would bring Him presents.

### **Other births foretold**

Other births have been prophesied, but all had an earthly mother and an earthly father. Jesus was the only one who defied nature in His birth. God foretold the birth of Isaac when He promised Abraham a son through whom all the families of the earth would be blessed, Genesis 12:3. God promised Sarah would be the mother of **Isaac** in Genesis 17:16. The angels appeared to Abraham and told him in Genesis 18:10. "*Sarah thy wife shall have a son.*" God chose Isaac for a purpose, but he was not God's Son. Sarah was his mother and Abraham was his father.

Eli, the High Priest, foretold the birth of **Samuel**. Hannah went to the Tabernacle and prayed earnestly for a son. In I Samuel 1:17, Eli said the Lord would grant her request and she would have what she asked for. Samuel was born before the year ended. Samuel was chosen for a special purpose, but God was not his father. Hannah was his mother and Elkanah was his father.

**Samson's** birth was foretold by an angel in Judges chapter 13. The angel told Manoah's wife that she would have a son, and told her how to raise him. He was to be a Nazarite from his birth. God chose him for a reason even before he was born. God had a special purpose for him, but God was not his father. Manoah was his father.

John 1:6, "*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*" The birth of John the Baptist was foretold when the angel Gabriel made a promise to Zacharias that he and Elizabeth would have a son. John was chosen before his birth for a special purpose, but he was not God's son. Elizabeth was his mother, and Zacharias was his father.

### **The birth of Jesus**

Of all the births which the angels announced, only one was the Son of God. All others had an earthly father. When God was ready to send Jesus into the world to die for the sins of all mankind, the angel, Gabriel, appeared to Mary and told her she had been chosen from among all the young Jewish girls to give birth to the Son of God. God knew who He wanted to be Jesus's mother. Mary was a godly young woman who had never been married. God knew she was pure and righteous, and would provide a godly home for Jesus where the children were taught according to the Jewish customs and the laws of God.

God chose Joseph to be His earthly father because he was a godly man, and would provide godly instructions to his family.

The angel announced to Mary that she would be the mother of the Son of God. The same angel announced to Joseph that he had been chosen by God for the special purpose of being the earthly father to Jesus. Every child has a mother and a father. Jesus defied the natural process of human birth by not having an earthly father. We might say that Joseph was a substitute father. If a child's father dies, his mother may marry again, and he has a 'new' father, or another to fill the role as father in the home.

Matthew 1:23, "*--- and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*" The angel told Joseph that Jesus would be God living among men. Jesus had a normal birth. He began life as a tiny infant, and grew to be a man as do all other human beings, yet God indwelled this human body as none other that was ever born. "Indwell" means "to dwell in, to abide in, or inhabit". Jesus lived in a human body so He could die physically in the place of human beings who would live separated from God without a redeemer to pay the price for sin. Jesus was the only one who could pay the price for sin that Adam and Eve brought on mankind because He was the only one without a sin nature passed on to him by an earthly father. Jesus defied the natural birth process by being born without a sin nature.

### **Angels announce His birth**

Angels announced the birth of Jesus to the world, Luke chapter 2. Jesus was born while Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem. They spent the night in the stable where the animals of the travelers were housed because there was no room for them to have a bed in the inn. Shepherds were out in the fields outside Bethlehem watching their flocks of sheep during the nighttime as they always did, to keep them safe. When Jesus came into the world, the nighttime sky lit up where the shepherds were with the presence of angels who announced to the shepherds that the Savior had been born. The Son of God had come to live among people on the earth. The Messiah that they had so long waited for had come. The shepherds came to find the Christ child and worship Him. They told Mary and Joseph of the angel's announcement and the multitude of angels who sang praises to Him.

When the shepherds left the stable to return to their flocks they told everyone they saw about this magnificent event. The people whom they told wondered about what these men said. They wondered if this really happened, or if they were spooked by the darkness and imagined all of these things. But Mary knew, and Joseph knew. Luke 2:19, "*But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.*" Mary did not realize all of the things that would happen in the days and years to come, but she knew in her heart that this tiny infant that she held in her arms was God in flesh.

Mary knew that Jesus defied nature in being born as God and man. He defied nature by being born without a sin nature. He defied nature by being born without an earthly father, for God was His father.

These accounts are written in the Bible that we might also believe that Jesus was born as God in human flesh so He could die for our sins and provide a way for us to become children of God by faith in Him. "*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.*"



**MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 1:23**

*“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and she shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”*

**Follow the instructions below to make a Memory Verse Booklet**

Use the patterns on the following pages.

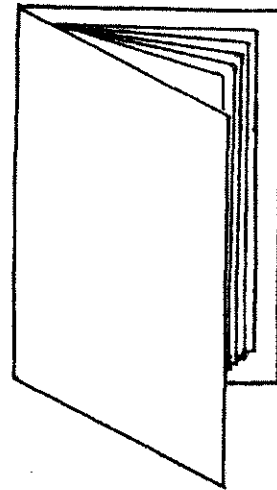
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**Memory Verse Craft Page 1 —**

Cut one book cover out of black construction paper for each student.

**Memory Verse Craft Page 2 —**

Use the half-page patterns to make one page for each student from white or parchment colored paper with the Memory Verse printed on it.



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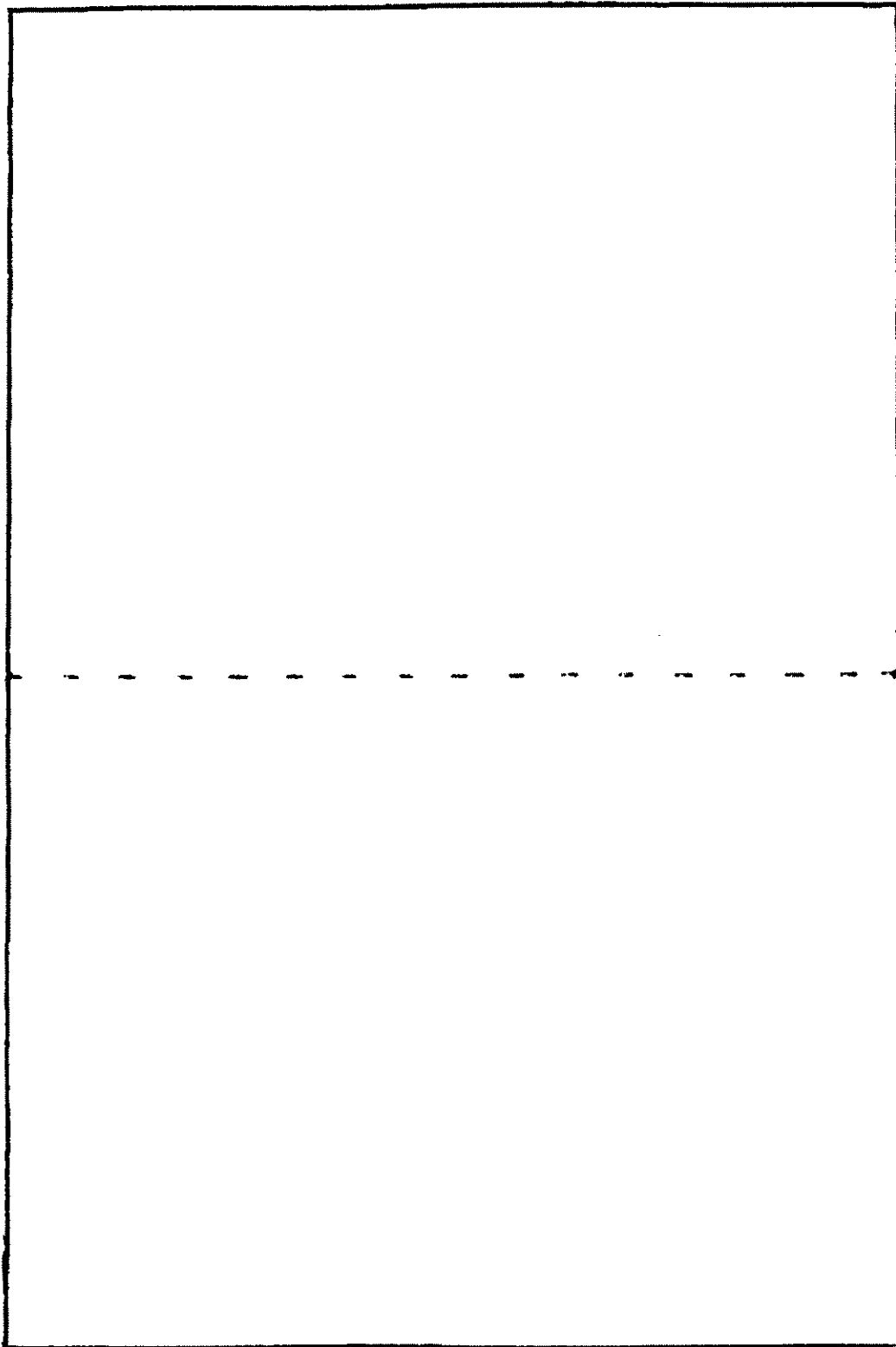
Page 1 — “Important Memory Verses we have learned this week”

Page 2 — Theme Memory Verse for the week, followed by Lessons 1 through 5.

Patterns for lessons 2-5 are included in each lesson.

To assemble — add pages by folding back the page tab on the dotted line and paste on the inside back against the fold of the booklet cover. Add each page by pasting on top of the previous tab

Memory Verse Craft Page 1



**Important  
Memory Verses  
we have learned  
this week.**

**Vacation Bible School**

Fold back

Paste to inside back cover along fold

**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.**

**John 20:31**

Fold back

Paste to inside back cover along fold

Behold, a virgin shall be  
with child, and shall bring  
forth a son, and they shall  
call His name Emmanuel,  
which being interpreted  
is, God with us.

Matthew 1:23

Paste to inside back cover along fold

Fold back

Behold, a virgin shall be  
with child, and shall bring  
forth a son, and they shall  
call His name Emmanuel,  
which being interpreted  
is, God with us.

Matthew 1:23

Paste to inside back cover along fold

Fold back

## Primary worksheet # 1

1. Write a definition of the word "defy". \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. List two ways Jesus defied nature in His birth?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who was Jesus' father? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who became Jesus' earthly father? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why were the things Jesus did recorded in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Were all of the miracles Jesus did written down in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who announced the birth of Jesus to the world? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How did not having an earthly father make Jesus different? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What does the name "Emmanuel" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Write a definition of the word "defy". to do something considered  
impossible
2. List two ways Jesus defied nature in His birth?
  1. He did not have an earthly father.
  2. He did not have a sin nature.
3. Who was Jesus' father? God
4. Who became Jesus' earthly father? Joseph
5. Why were the things Jesus did recorded in the Bible? so we will believe  
He is the Son of God.
6. Were all of the miracles Jesus did written down in the Bible? no
7. Who announced the birth of Jesus to the world? the angel Gabriel
8. How did not having an earthly father make Jesus different? He did not  
have a sin nature
9. What does the name "Emmanuel" mean? God with us

## Primary worksheet # 2

**Look up the scriptures and fill in the blanks:**

John 20:31 — “But these are \_\_\_\_\_, that ye might \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; and that believing ye might have \_\_\_\_\_ through His \_\_\_\_\_.”

John 1:3 — “All things were \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_; and without \_\_\_\_\_ was not anything \_\_\_\_\_ that was \_\_\_\_\_.”

Genesis 1:26 — “And \_\_\_\_\_ said, let \_\_\_\_\_ make \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_, and after \_\_\_\_\_ likeness:”

Genesis 1:27-28 — “So \_\_\_\_\_ created \_\_\_\_\_ in His own \_\_\_\_\_, in the image of \_\_\_\_\_ created He him; male and female \_\_\_\_\_ He them.”

“And God \_\_\_\_\_ them, and God said unto them, Be \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_,”

Matthew 1:23 — “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a \_\_\_\_\_, and they shall call His name \_\_\_\_\_, which being interpreted is, \_\_\_\_\_.”

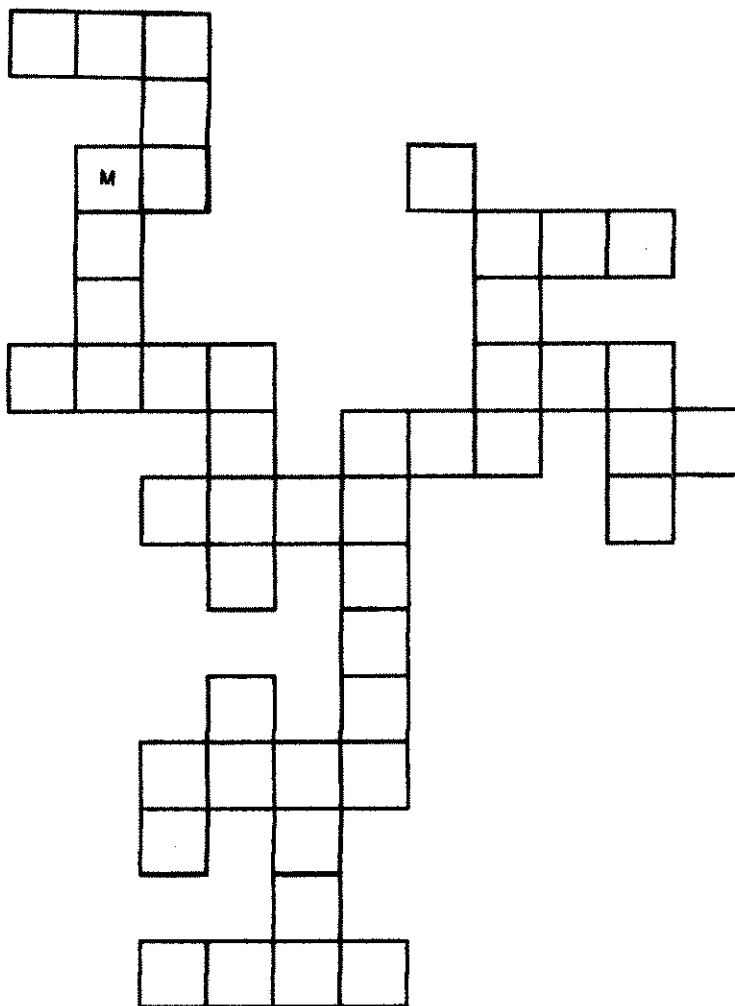
Primary worksheet # 3

Fit the following words in the puzzle. (John 6:38)

There is only one 1-letter word, and one 6-letter word. The rest are 2, 3, or 4 letters.

HINT: One letter is given for you, then start with the longest word.  
 These two words will help you fit the others in the right place.

I	DO	BUT	CAME	HEAVEN
	ME	FOR	DOWN	
	OF	HIM	FROM	
	TO	NOT	MINE	
		OWN	SENT	
		THE	THAT	
			WILL	
			WILL	





## Primary worksheet # 4

How many times can you find the words in the puzzle?

Each time you find a word, put a mark by it so you can keep count.

**CIRCLE** the words forward, backward, up and down, or diagonally:

(The only letters not circled are the X's)

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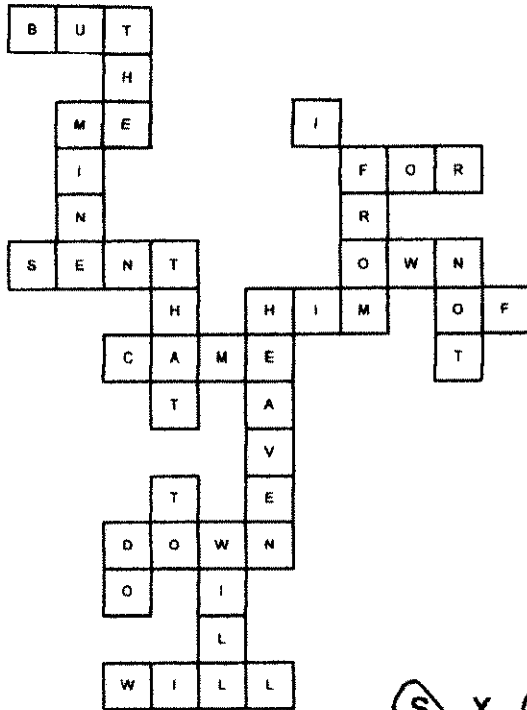
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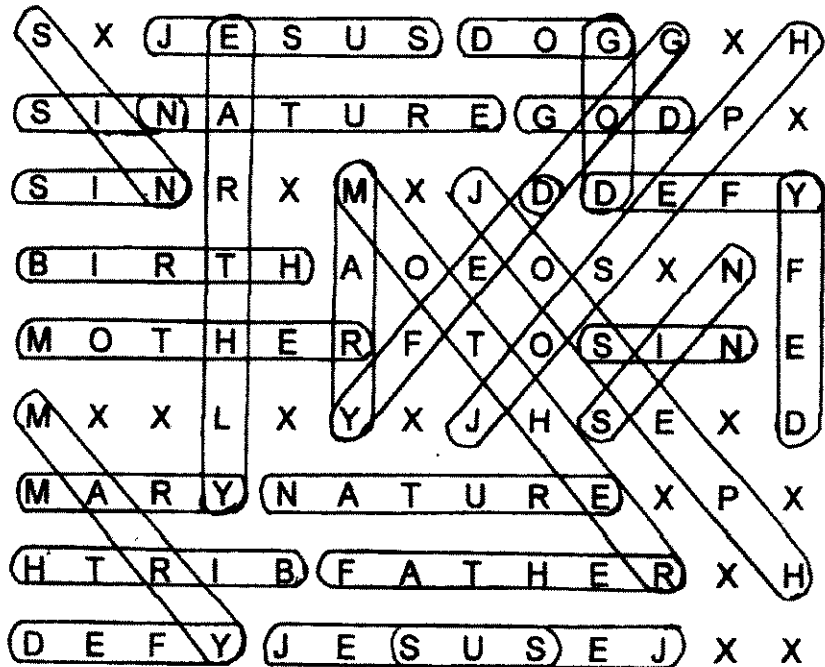
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Primary worksheet # 3

Answer page



Primary worksheet # 4



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- (4) DEFY IIII
- (1) EARTHLY I
- (1) FATHER I
- (4) GOD IIII
- (3) JESUS III
- (2) JOSEPH II
- (3) MARY III
- (2) MOTHER II
- (2) NATURE II
- (5) SIN IIII



The angel Gabriel announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds.

## JESUS DEFIED THE NATURE OF AGRICULTURE

**Scriptures:**   **John 2:1-11**  
                   **Mark 6:34-44**   **John 6:2, 5-14**  
                   **Matthew 15:29-39**

**Aim:**           To teach the students to believe and accept the written accounts of Jesus' miracles as true events, performed to prove He was the Son of God.

**Emphasis:**    God created the plant world, so Jesus had the power to control the plant world. He could by-pass the acts of nature in providing food and wine instantly when needed.

**Memory Verse: John 2:11**

*"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; and His disciples believed on Him."*

Review the **Theme Memory Verse** for the week: **John 20:31**

### Background information

God sent John the Baptist into the world to prepare the hearts of the Jewish people to receive the man Jesus, known as the son of Mary, and Joseph the carpenter from Nazareth, as the promised Messiah.

John preached "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." When he baptized Jesus, God sent the Holy Spirit down in the form of a dove, so He was visible, and God spoke audibly from heaven, and said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased". Thus all three manifestations of God were present. God announced to all who heard that this man was His Son; this man was the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world. Jesus was led away by the Spirit into the wilderness area where He spent the next 40 days being tempted by Satan, who promised Jesus if He would just bow down and worship him He would make Him king of this world immediately, and He would not have to suffer the pain and anguish of the crucifixion, the purpose for which He came. Jesus refused all of the propositions that Satan made because He knew His purpose was to die for the sins of mankind.

The next day Jesus came back into the area where John was baptizing, and two men, John and Andrew, who had been baptized by John and later were chosen to be apostles, were standing with John listening to him teach. When John saw Jesus he said, John 1:29, "*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*" John identified this man, Jesus of Nazareth, to John and Andrew as the Son of God in whom they believed but did not know who He was as a person. Andrew went to get his brother, Simon Peter, and brought him to Jesus. The day following (the second day) Jesus went into Galilee and found Philip, and said, "*Follow me.*" Philip immediately found his friend Nathaniel (later known as the apostle Bartholomew) and brought him to Jesus. These began from that day traveling with Jesus, hearing Him teach, and seeing the miracles that He did to prove that He was who He said He was. As they traveled, others heard, believed, and joined with them.

### **Beginning of miracles**

John 2:1-11 — On the third day since Jesus began His earthly ministry there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. Jesus's mother was helping with the wedding, and Jesus and His disciples were invited to attend. According to the custom, a wedding was a large affair, sometimes lasting for days, even a week, of feasting and celebrating. Much food would be prepared and wine was served as the beverage. There were different qualities of wine, depending on the type grapes, the ripeness when the juice was squeezed, the process of bottling it and length of time it was stored. Usually the one in charge of the wedding feast would serve the very best wine at the beginning of the feast, and after the guests had eaten and drank until they were full, possibly later in the week, they would serve the lesser quality wine.

Wine was the result of preserving grape juice to be stored and used when the grapes were not in season. The process of making wine began with planting the cuttings from other grape vines, waiting for the rain and sunshine to cause them to put out roots, sprout, and the vines to grow. Then they bloomed and put on the clusters of fruit. After the fruit ripened, it was picked, the juice was squeezed and stored in goat-skin bags. When it fermented it could be stored and kept for extended periods of time without spoiling.

The process of making wine took many months — from the water of the rain to the finished fermented juice. Jesus defied nature and by-passed this whole process by instantly making water turn to wine. The person in charge of the food for the wedding became concerned because they had run out of wine. This was a great shame to the host of the wedding. There were six water pots in the house and Jesus told the servants to fill them with water. Then He said, "Now pour out some in a cup and take it to the ruler of the feast." When he drank it he did not understand why the bridegroom had kept the best wine until the end of the feast.

This was the first miracle that Jesus did. He did not make the wine simply because the people needed something to drink, or because the bridegroom was embarrassed because he had not adequately provided for his guests. Jesus did the miracle to show the people His power. Jesus was with God in the creation of plants and food, so He had the power to control the production of food. The wine He provided did not go through the natural process that took many months, but He caused plain water to instantly turn into perfect wine. Jesus did other miracles regarding food production

### **Jesus fed a multitude**

On one occasion when Jesus had been teaching the people who followed Him and working miracles, it became late in the day. They were in a desert place. They were not in a town, there was no food, and the people had been there all day. They were hungry. The disciples told Jesus to send them away so they could go into the nearby towns and villages and buy some food and find a place to stay for the night. Jesus said there was no reason for them to leave. He asked Philip where they could go to buy bread, and Philip knew they did not have enough money to buy food for such a large crowd of people. They went through the crowd to see if anyone had food. A young boy had brought his lunch, five barley loaves (or small rolls) and two small fish. This was only enough for one person. What good would it do for so many?

Jesus asked the young man to bring Him the loaves and the fish, and told the disciples to have the people sit down on the grassy hillside in groups of one hundred and groups of fifty. Jesus blessed the food and began to break the bread into pieces. Each time He broke the bread, instead of getting smaller and smaller, it got bigger and bigger. The disciples passed the bread among the people. Jesus took the two fish and did the same thing. There was enough fish for all to have as much as they wanted. When the people had eaten the bread and the fish and were full, Jesus told the disciples to gather up what was left over. They gathered up twelve baskets full of food. Jesus did not provide the food through the natural process which began with the seeds being planted, germinating, sprouting, putting on the grain and waiting for it to grow to maturity. Then bushels of grain would have been picked, ground into flour, and hundreds of loaves of bread baked. They did not go to the nearby sea of Galilee and catch thousands of fish which would then have been cooked before they could be served. Jesus by-passed nature and caused the bread and fish to multiply as He broke it into pieces. About five thousand men were fed. This did not count the women and children. After Jesus fed the people He sent them away.

### **Jesus fed over 4,000 at Decapolis**

On another occasion Jesus was in a wilderness area of Decapolis. Thousands of people followed Him up on a mountain where He sat down and taught. Large crowds brought people who were sick, diseased, or crippled to Jesus for Him to heal them. They stayed for three days without anything to eat. They would not leave Jesus even long enough to go get food. Jesus told His disciples, "I have compassion on these people because they have stayed with me for three days and have not eaten anything. Many of them have come from a long distance. I cannot send them away this hungry, because they will faint on the road before they get home." The disciples were puzzled. "How can we get enough food to feed this many out here in the wilderness?" They had so soon forgotten what Jesus did earlier when the crowd was hungry. Among them they had seven loaves of bread and a few fish. Jesus told the people to sit down on the ground and He took the bread and fish, gave thanks, and broke it into pieces. The more He broke it, the more it increased. The food was passed among the people and when they had eaten and were full, they gathered up seven baskets full that was left over. With seven loaves and a few fish Jesus fed four thousand men, not counting the women and children, and had much more left over than that with which He started.

### Necessity of miracles

Why was it necessary for Jesus to do miracles? He knew He was the Son of God. Mary knew He was the Son of God. John the Baptist knew and preached to the Jewish people that He was the Son of God. But the Pharisees and the leaders of the Jewish religion did not accept Him as the Son of God. They were looking for a king to be born in a palace and raised among royalty. They were not looking for the Messiah to be born of a poor woman in a small town and spend His first night in a manger in a stable used to house the animals of travelers. Jesus must prove to them that He did have the power of God. Jesus traveled to many towns and villages and taught in the synagogues from Judea to Galilee because He wanted all of the people to see Him and hear His message.

He defied nature by turning water into wine instantly. He fed over 5,000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fish and had more than 12 times as much left over as He started with. He fed 4,000 men plus the women and children who were present with 7 loaves and a few fish, and had more than seven times as much left over as that with which He started. He proved He was who He said He was. As Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, said when he came to Jesus secretly in the night, "No man can do these miracle that you do unless God is with him."

The Pharisees followed Jesus everywhere He went, not because they believed He was God's Son, but because they wanted to find some reason to have Him put to death in order to stop so many Jews from believing in Him. Very early in His ministry they began to make plans to destroy Him. Luke 5:17, they came out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem. They accused Him of speaking blasphemy because He said He could forgive sin. Many scriptures tell us, "*Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against Him, how they might destroy Him.*" Matthew 12:14, Matthew 21:46, Mark 3:6, Mark 12:13, Matthew 22:15, Matthew 27:1.

What was the doctrine of the Pharisee? Keeping the laws that God gave to Moses for the nation of Israel to live by meant righteousness to the Pharisees. This is what they believed and what they taught. They ate certain foods that were allowed under the law. They washed their hands before they ate, according to the law. They washed their clothes, cleaned their houses, did not mix certain kinds of fabric in their clothing, all according to the law. They gave of their money to help the poor. They gave the half-shekel to the temple regularly. They did not steal from their neighbor. They did not kill. They said, "If I do not kill, then I am not guilty. If I do not steal, then I am not guilty. I go to the synagogue, I pray, I give; all of these things I do are according to the law. If I do not break the law, I am not guilty. If I am not guilty, I do not have anything to repent of. Therefore, I am righteous." They depended on the way they lived daily to bring them righteousness, rather than the shed blood of Jesus.

These are the men who wanted to get rid of Jesus. They did not want to repent, because they were good in their own eyes. Even when they saw the miracles that Jesus did, they did not believe He was the Son of God. They accused Him of doing miracles by the power of Satan, and blaspheming the name of God by claiming to be God's Son.

This beginning of miracles  
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and manifested forth His  
glory; and His disciples  
believed on Him.

John 2:11

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## Primary Worksheet # 1

Fill in the missing vowels to complete the story.
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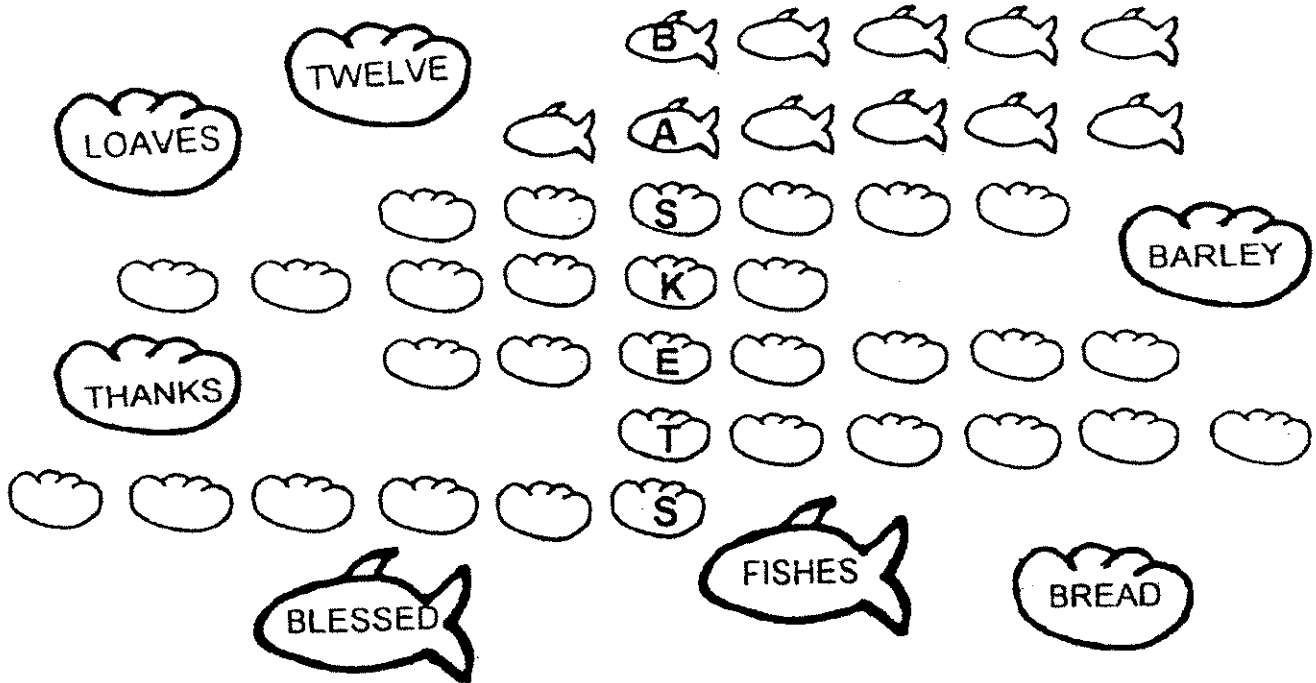
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Primary Worksheet # 2

Take the words on the fish and loaves and fit in the puzzle:



With a yellow crayon, draw a basket.  
With a gray crayon, draw two fish.  
With a brown crayon, draw 5 loaves.

## Primary Worksheet # 3

## WORD SEARCH

**Find each word 3 times in the puzzle across or up and down.**

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JESUS

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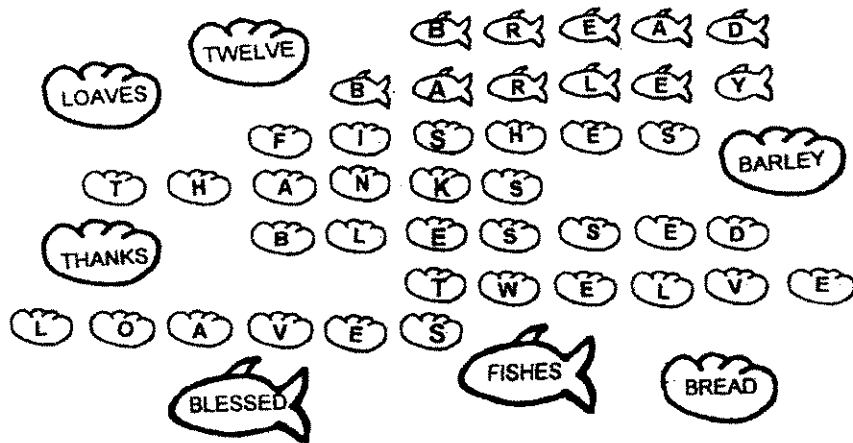
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Jesus traveled to Cana for a wedding. He did His first miracle in Cana. He turned water into wine.

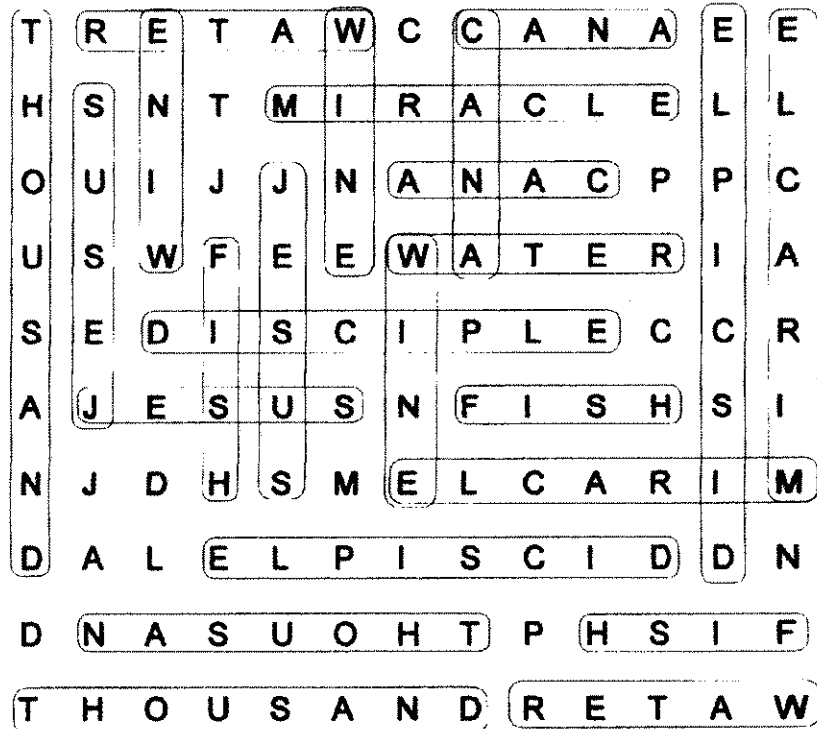
Jesus took five loaves and two fish and fed five thousand people. They had twelve baskets full left over.

Later Jesus went to Decapolis and many people followed Him. They stayed for three days without eating. Jesus said He could not send them home. They were so hungry they would faint by the side of the road. The disciples had seven loaves and a few small fish. Jesus broke it into pieces and gave them all they wanted to eat and had seven baskets full left over.

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## Primary Worksheet # 4

**Find the hidden fish and loaves.**

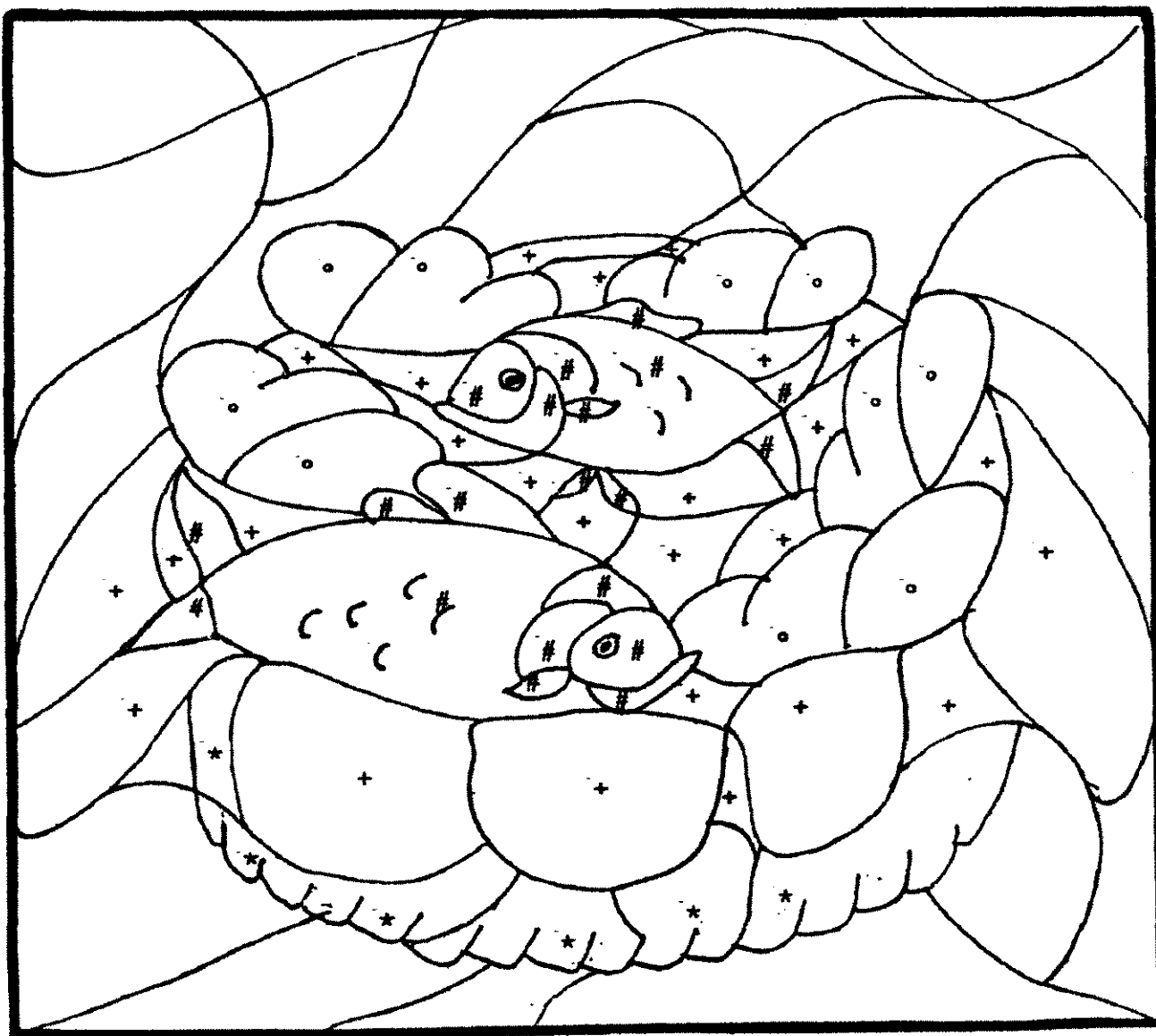
Color the spaces with ○ brown.

Color the spaces with # gray.

Color the spaces with \* yellow.

Color the spaces with + orange.

Color the rest of the spaces blue.





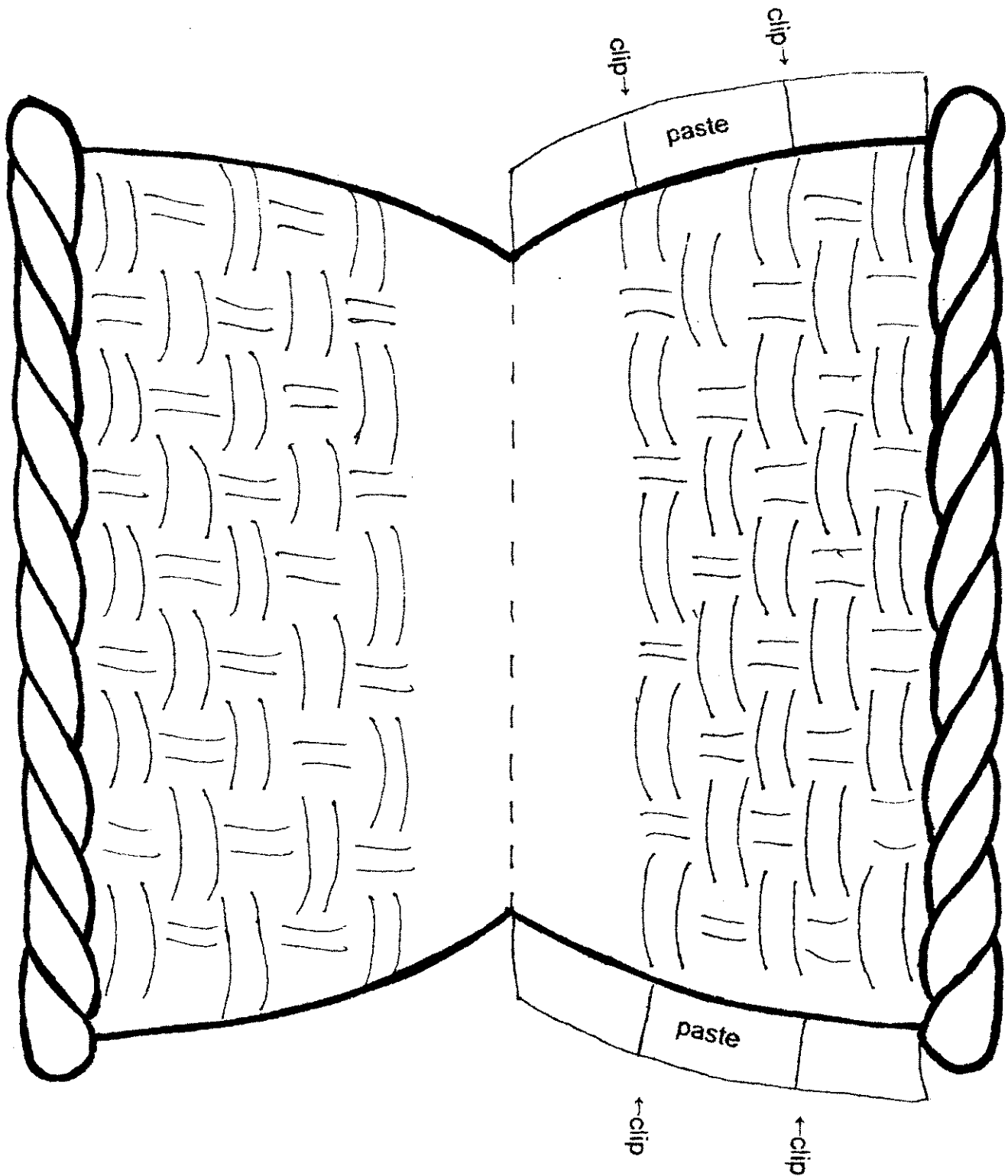
**Jesus multiplied five loaves and two small fish and fed over 5,000 people.**

## Primary Worksheet # 6



Jesus saith unto them: "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

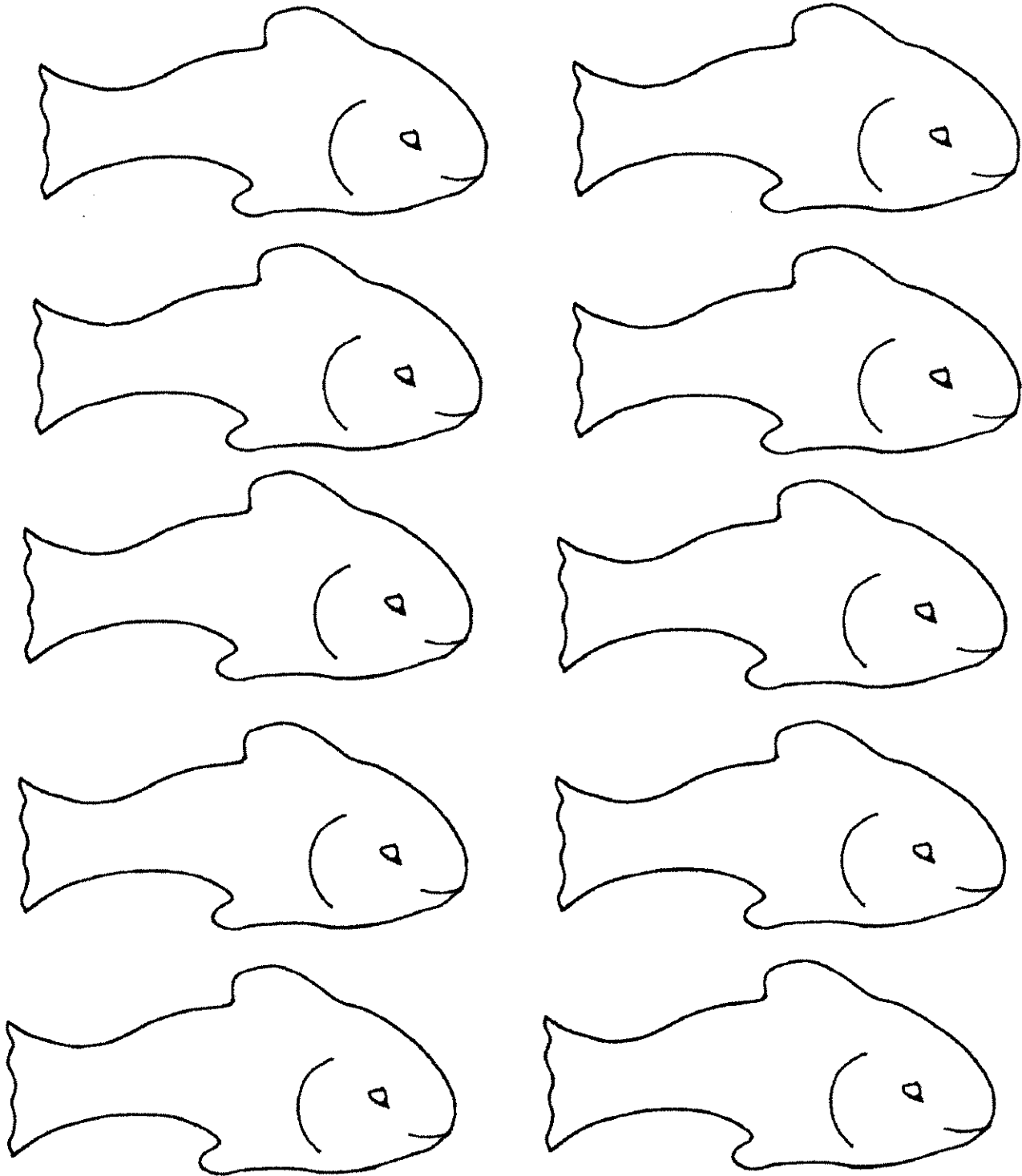
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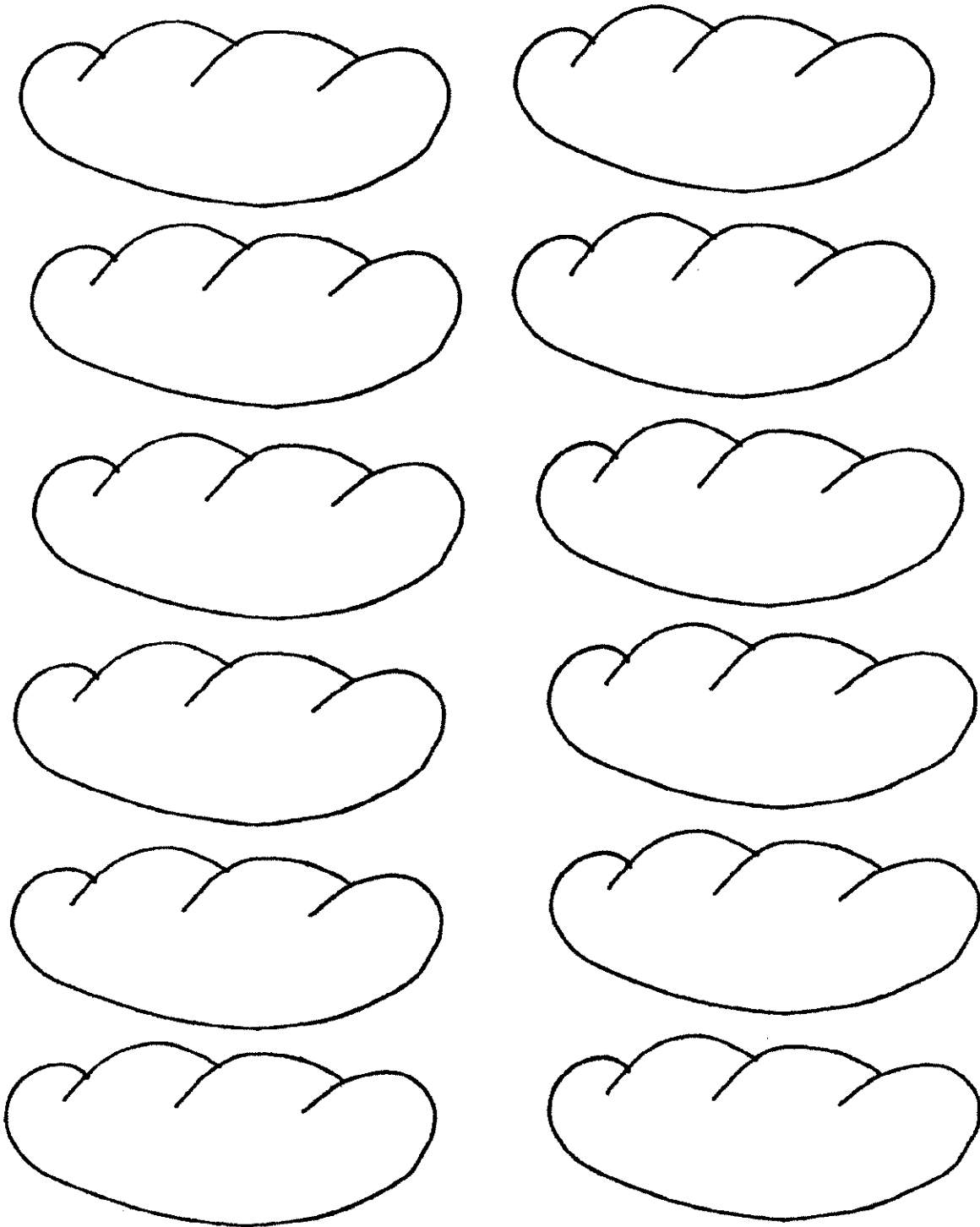
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Copy **2** for each child on **gray** construction paper.



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Copy **5** for each child on tan construction paper.



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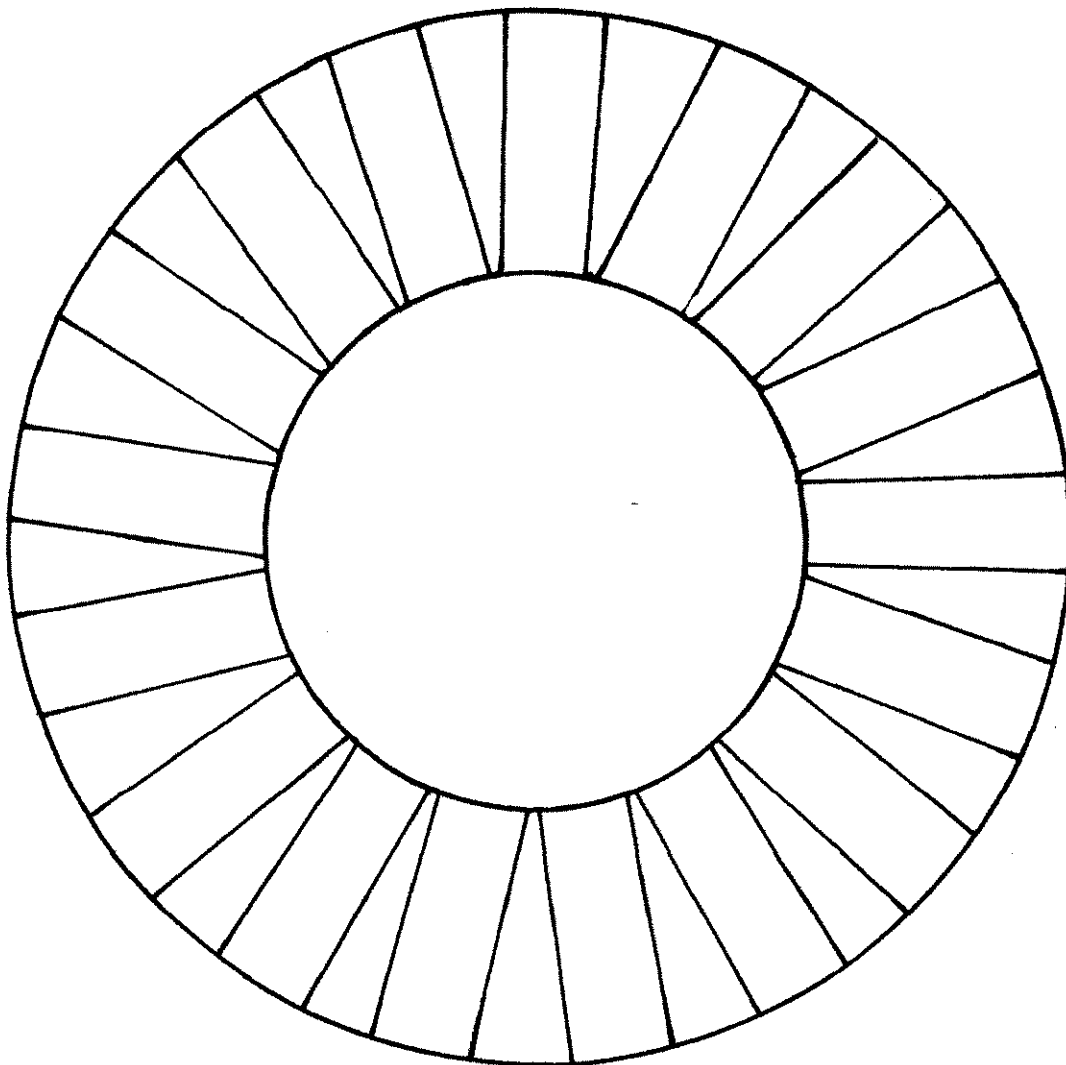
**Basket with loaves and fish:**

Cut **one** for each child from heavy paper (manilla folder weight works well).  
Use about **7 yards** of **5.5 mm** tan yarn for each basket. (Larger yarn will take less, and will be easier to make because it will take less rounds.)

Cut out on large circle line - then cut out wedges.

**Cutting out a little at the inner circle leaves room for the thickness of the yarn.** Leave about 1 inch of yarn when you start. Weave under and over, catching in the loose end with each round. Stop about 1/4 inch from the top edge of basket and push loose end down under the inside of last section. Put heavy glue around top inside and outside to hold yarn in place. Let dry and trim away the excess paper at top.

**Suggestion for loaves and fish:** canned biscuits – at home, cut each biscuit into tiny pieces and bake to make 'loaves'. Use 'fish'-shaped crackers.



## JESUS DEFIED THE ELEMENTS OF NATURE

**Scriptures:**    **Matthew 8:23-27**    **Mark 4:35-41**    **Luke 8:22-26**  
                          **Matthew 14:23-33**    **Mark 6:45-52**    **John 6:15-21 (22-26)**

**Aim:**            To teach the students to believe what is written in the Bible as the true word of God, and that we should never have a doubt that Jesus was the Son of God because He exercised supreme power over all things. As Nicodemus said in John 3:2, no man could do these miracles that Jesus did unless God was with him.

**Emphasis:**    Jesus was a man, born in human flesh, but also God — the physical embodiment of God. As man He could live among men, walk and talk with mankind as a human, but He was different. As God, He had all power over all things created. He could defy nature — do things that with man were impossible.

There are two memory verses today — use both or select one.

**Memory Verse: Matthew 8:27**

*“But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”*

**Matthew 14:33**

*“Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped Him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.”*

### **Background information**

What do we mean by the elements of nature? Meteorology is a study of physics dealing with the atmosphere, especially the variations of heat, cold, moisture, and wind. Jesus was with God in the beginning. On the second day of creation, God separated the water that covered the earth, pushing some out into space, and created the atmosphere, the sky — the air space that surrounds the earth where gravity exists. There are certain things that naturally exist in the atmosphere. Many things affect the temperature, the moisture content, the atmospheric pressure. The conditions that exist determine whether it will be calm or stormy.

### **Jesus defied the wind and the waves**

When Jesus was on earth, the people knew Him as the son of Mary and a carpenter from Nazareth named Joseph. He was a good man and well liked. He was accepted as a prophet by the Jewish people. John the Baptist baptized Him and identified Him as the Son of God who had come into the world to die for the sins of the people. He traveled to many places teaching the people that He was the promised Son of God. In order to convince them that He was God’s Son, He did miracles to prove that He had the same power that God had.

People revered God and believed Him to be a supreme being, but they looked upon Jesus as merely a man. They believed He was a good man and a prophet, but did not understand that He was God in human flesh. Everywhere Jesus went teaching and healing the sick, people followed Him to see more miracles. On one occasion He left the city of Capernaum and went down to the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was a familiar figure on the seashore. He spent much of His time there teaching and traveling by ship to the other towns around the sea. Wherever Jesus was, there were crowds. Sometimes hundreds of people gathered, and sometimes even thousands.

When Jesus came to the seashore many people followed Him. There were so many that He was crowded closer and closer to the edge of the water. Finally Jesus and His disciples got into a boat (or a ship) and pushed out a little way into the water so that He could teach the people who had gathered on the shore. He taught them in parables all day. A parable was a story Jesus told to teach a truth using things the people were familiar with as an illustration to help them understand what He was teaching. When evening came, He sent the people away and said to His disciples, *"Let us go over unto the other side."* Many of the people also got into other small ships. They wanted to follow Jesus even across the sea.

The Sea of Galilee was a busy place. There were many fish in the sea, so it was used by commercial fishermen. A commercial fisherman was one who made his living by catching fish and selling them in order to get money. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were all commercial fishermen. The sea was also used for transportation by ship by those who traveled from one town to another without having to walk long distances around the shore. Sometimes people transported items across the sea by ship to sell in the other towns. Many times it was easier to go by ship across the sea than to go a long way around by land. So the sea was very important to the people.

The Sea of Galilee was a large body of water, over twelve miles long and over seven miles wide. Except where the Jordan River flowed in and out of it, it was surrounded on all sides by high mountains. We might think of it as being in a deep crater between the high hills. Streams and rivers flowed into it from the mountains. It had a warm, tropical climate. On the west side of the sea was an area of flat land that extended out from the edge of the sea to the beginning of the mountains, called the plains of Gennesaret. It was not unusual at certain times of the year for the cooler winds to sweep down from the mountains, across the plains and mix with the warmer, humid air above the sea. This would create a turbulence, or an unsteady condition. The winds would swirl across the midst of the sea, creating great waves and violent storms at sea. These would come on very quickly. The fishermen knew to leave the waters immediately if they saw storms coming, because they came on very quickly and could be deadly. The wind would blow so hard it could cause the ships to turn over and the people would lose everything they had on the ship and even their lives. The waves could get so high the water would come into the ships and cause them to sink. So it presented a real fear of drowning.

Jesus and the disciples got out into the middle of the sea, and Jesus went to the back part of the ship, lay down on a pillow, and went to sleep. He had been teaching all day, and He was tired, so He lay down to rest. While He slept, a storm arose quickly. This frightened Peter, Andrew, James and John, because they were all commercial fishermen when Jesus called them to come and leave their occupation of fishing and follow Him. He wanted them to be His

disciples and learn from Him so they could carry on His work after He went back to heaven. As fishermen they were on the sea constantly. They knew how dangerous a storm at sea could be. They knew the possibility of the boat sinking, and knew that the probability of them drowning was great.

The disciples rowed hard to bring the ship to shore, but could not fight the waves and the strong wind. They rowed faster and faster and got nowhere because the wind blew them back. They became frightened. The wind caused the sea to become boisterous. The waves got higher and stronger, and water began to come into the ship. They were sure they would sink and all drown. In their fear and frustration they called out to Jesus to wake Him up, "*Master, save us.*" They asked Him, "Don't you care that we are about to perish?" They could not understand how He could lie there and sleep when they were in such danger.

What did they expect Jesus to do? Apparently they did not expect Him to still the storm, so what did they want? Did they want Him to help them bring down the sails so the wind could not blow them about? Did they want Him to help bail out the water from the boat so it would not sink? What did they expect? They said, "How can you be so unconcerned as to just lie there and sleep when we are in such danger?" They wanted Him to get up and do something.

Jesus simply asked them, "Why are you afraid? Where is your faith?" If Jesus was with them they should not have been afraid, but their human nature caused them to fear. Their human nature in the face of danger caused them not to have faith. Jesus rebuked the wind and the sea. He said, "*Peace, be still.*" Jesus spoke "*peace*" to the wind and it quit blowing. He said "*be still*" to the raging waters, and they became calm immediately.

The men did not understand why Jesus asked them, "*Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?*". They became even more afraid when they saw the power Jesus had over the storm. Jesus created the elements that caused the wind to blow, so He could control the wind. He created the water and the seas, so He could control the movement of the water and the waves. He just spoke, and the violent wind quit blowing. He just spoke, and the boisterous waves quit crashing into the boat. When Jesus spoke, the water became calm and still. They asked one another, "*What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?*" What kind of man is this? They still looked upon Jesus as a man, not as God.

By this time the disciples had traveled with Jesus for several months. They had seen Him take plain water and turn it into the very best wine, a process that would have taken weeks or months to occur naturally. They had seen Him heal sick people, make crippled people walk, blind men see, and people who could not hear suddenly became able to hear, and able to speak when they had never heard words before. They watched Him stop a funeral procession and bring life back into the dead body of a young man from the city of Nain. They marveled at these things, and said, "*surely this is the Son of God.*" Now they marveled again, and said, "*What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?*" They saw His miracles, and saw Him bring dead people back to life, but they could not understand how He could control the elements of nature.

You can feel and see the wind blowing, but you cannot see it, or touch it. Yet Jesus spoke to the fierce wind, and it stopped blowing. You can stir water in a pan, and it will continue to move for a long time before it becomes still. Yet Jesus spoke to the water in the sea

when it was filled with raging waves, and it immediately became still. They could not comprehend, *“What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”!*

### **Jesus walked on the water**

Later in the ministry of Jesus He sent His apostles out to preach and teach that Jesus of Nazareth was the son of God, and gave them the power of God to heal the sick and do other miracles in the name of Jesus to prove that the message they preached was true. They had been gone for several weeks. They had been so busy teaching and healing by the power that Jesus gave them that they did not even have time to sit down and eat. When they returned and told Him all they had done, He said they needed to *“come apart and rest a while”*. Jesus took His disciples across the sea from Capernaum to a desert place so they could have some time to rest.

When the people saw them leaving in the ship, they ran ahead of them on foot and came to the seaport where they thought Jesus would be coming ashore. They were there waiting for Him when He arrived. Jesus saw their determination to follow Him, and had compassion on them. He spent the rest of the day healing anyone who had any kind of sickness, and teaching them about the kingdom of God. It was nearly night time and the disciples wanted Jesus to send them away so they could go into a nearby town and buy food and find a place to stay for the night. Instead, Jesus took a young boy’s lunch of five barley loaves and two small fish, and multiplied it into enough food to feed more than five thousand people all they wanted to eat, and had enough left over to fill twelve baskets. When the people saw this miracle, they said, *“This is of a truth that Prophet that should come into the world.”*

Jesus knew the people wanted to take Him by force and make Him their king. Then when they were hungry He could feed them. When they were sick He could make them well. They were not following Him for spiritual reasons, but were thinking about their physical comfort. They did not look to Him as their Savior spiritually, but wanted Him to be their king physically. He could not be their king until He had died for their sins. It was not time yet for Him to be king, so He had to send the people away and sneak off from them. He told the disciples to get in the ship and go back across ahead of Him while He went up into the mountains to be alone and pray.

It was late in the day when the disciples got in the ship and started across to the other side of the sea. Not long after they began their trip it got dark and a storm arose. The winds blew hard and caused great waves which became higher and higher. If the winds were calm, the sails of their ship would catch the wind and it would blow them across gently to the other side. When a storm arose they had to pull down their sails or it would turn the boat over. If they did not have the wind to push them along, they had to row with oars, or paddles. As the winds blew harder, the storm got worse, and they were being tossed around in the middle of the sea.

This time Jesus was not with them and they became frightened. They rowed hard trying to get across. As the boat was tossed around, the high waves caused water to come into the boat. As the wind blew harder, they seemed to get nowhere. The harder they rowed, the more

the wind kept pushing them back. They were tired and scared. They had only gone about half way across the sea, and it was about 3:00 in the morning. They still had a long way to go before daylight. They rowed hard, but they could not fight the strong wind.

Jesus saw them struggling with the ship so He went to them, walking out across the sea on top of the water. He did not sink when He stepped onto the water. He walked across the water as if it were solid ground. The disciples saw something coming toward them, and they were even more frightened. It was night time and they were already scared because of the storm. The wind was so strong it was hard to keep the boat upright. The waves rocked it back and forth until they couldn't seem to go anywhere, and they looked up and saw something moving toward them across the top of the water. The wind blowing His white garment in the moonlight as He moved across the top of the water made Him look like a ghost floating in the air. Their superstitions caused them to become spooked. They cried out in fear, "It's a ghost". When Jesus saw they were frightened, He called out to them, "*Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.*" "Don't be scared, it's only me." He tried to reassure them.

It sounded like the voice of Jesus, but it couldn't be because He had stayed behind on the mountain. So Peter called out to Him, "Lord, if it is really you, let me walk out on the water to you", and Jesus told him to come. So Peter jumped out of the ship and started walking out to where Jesus was, across the top of the water as if it were solid ground. Peter wanted to walk on the water like Jesus did, and when he stepped out of the ship, he could. He had jumped out of the ship quickly without stopping to think about where he was. Normally, when he stepped out of the ship, he would have sunk down into the water. He started out to where Jesus was. He took a few steps and felt the wind blow against him, and he looked down and saw the waves below his feet. When he realized where he was, out there on top of the water with nothing to hold on to, he became frightened. When Peter looked down instead of looking to Jesus, he lost his faith. When he forgot to trust Jesus, he began to sink into the sea. When he realized where he was and that he was sinking he cried out again, this time in faith, "*Lord, save me.*" Jesus immediately stretched out His hand and caught Peter. Then He rebuked him, and said, "Oh you of little faith, why did you doubt?" "Why did you doubt that you could do what I told you to do?" "Where is your faith?" What had happened to the faith of the disciples?

Jesus lifted Peter up and they both walked across the water back to the ship. "*And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.*" As soon as Jesus and Peter stepped into the ship, Jesus caused the wind to stop blowing, and the waves became calm. The water was smooth. All was quiet.

Matthew tells us: "*Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.*" Mark tells us: "*They were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.*" The disciples were amazed that Jesus had once again controlled the wind, and had defied the water by walking on it rather than sinking. They had so soon forgotten. They had just seen the miracle He did when He multiplied the bread and the fish to feed over five thousand people. They saw him make food when there was none, but were surprised when He walked on the water and calmed the storm. As if the miracles of the loaves and the fish could not convince them, when He walked on the water they said, "*You truly are the Son of God.*"

Jesus could defy the wind and the waves, and could walk on the sea as if it were solid ground, because He was the Son of God and had power over all the elements of nature.



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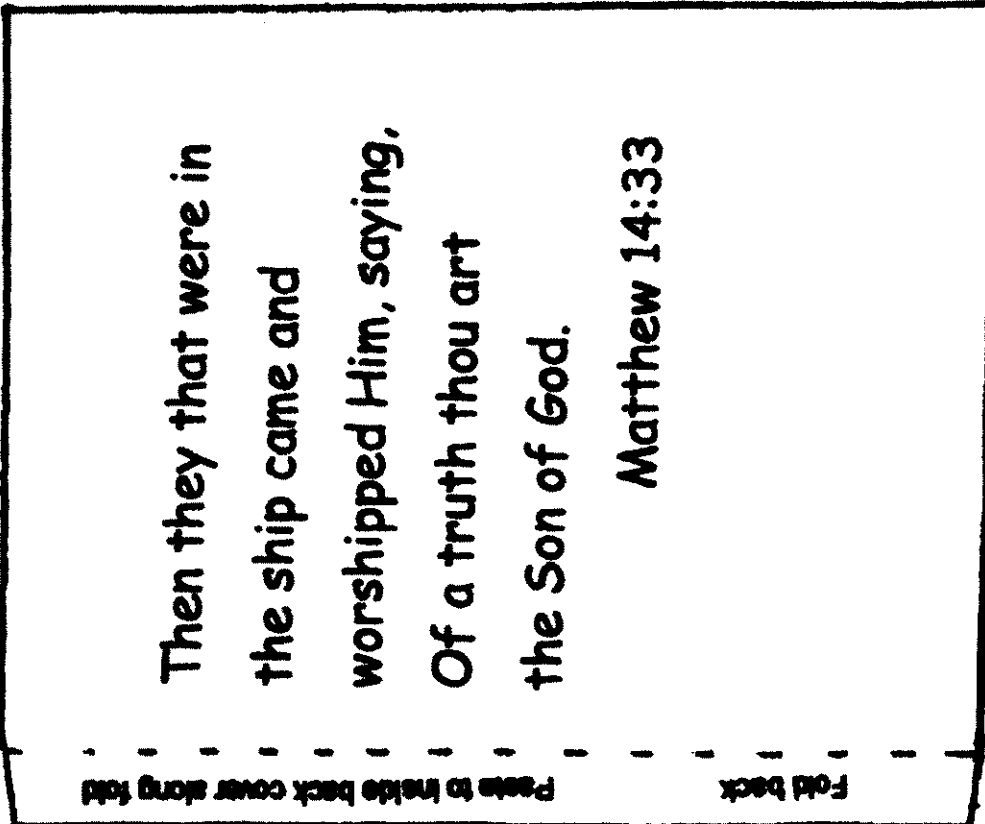
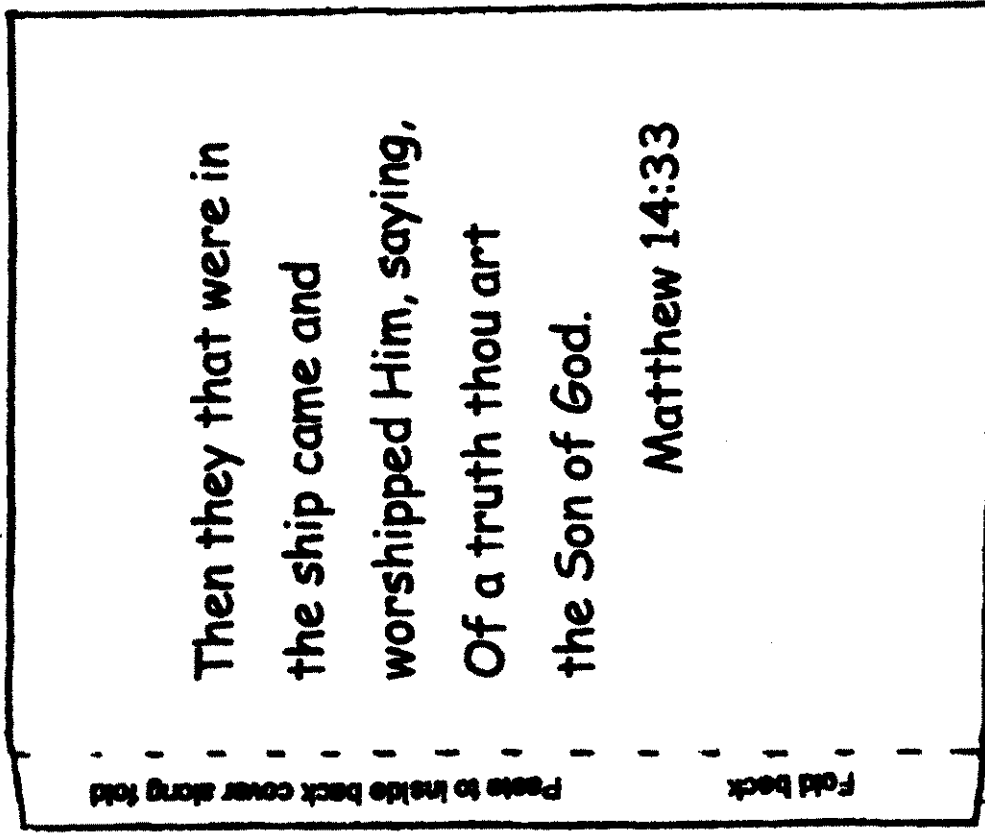
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## Primary Worksheet #1

Fill in the blanks with words that start with the letters of the alphabet — a to z.

Jesus went a the sea. He went in a b. He left from c. His d were with Him. The people that followed Jesus needed something to e. Jesus fed the multitude with 5 loaves and 2 f. When Jesus walked on the water, the disciples thought He was a g. The disciples were rowing h trying to get across the sea. Peter said, "Lord i it is really you, let me come out to you on the water. j walked on the water. The people wanted to make Jesus their k. In the nighttime Jesus l like a ghost. Jesus worked many m. It was n when the disciples went across the sea. Jesus walked out to them o the water. The people said Jesus was a p. Jesus made the storm be q. The disciples r the boat hard trying to get to shore. The s took them across the sea. Peter forgot to t Jesus, and sank. The people did not u that Jesus was God's Son. In the darkness, the disciples heard the v of Jesus. The w rocked the boat. The disciples were ex when they saw Jesus walking out to them. A y boy brought his lunch to Jesus.

Look up Revelation 3:19 in your Bible for the last one —

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be z therefore, and repent."

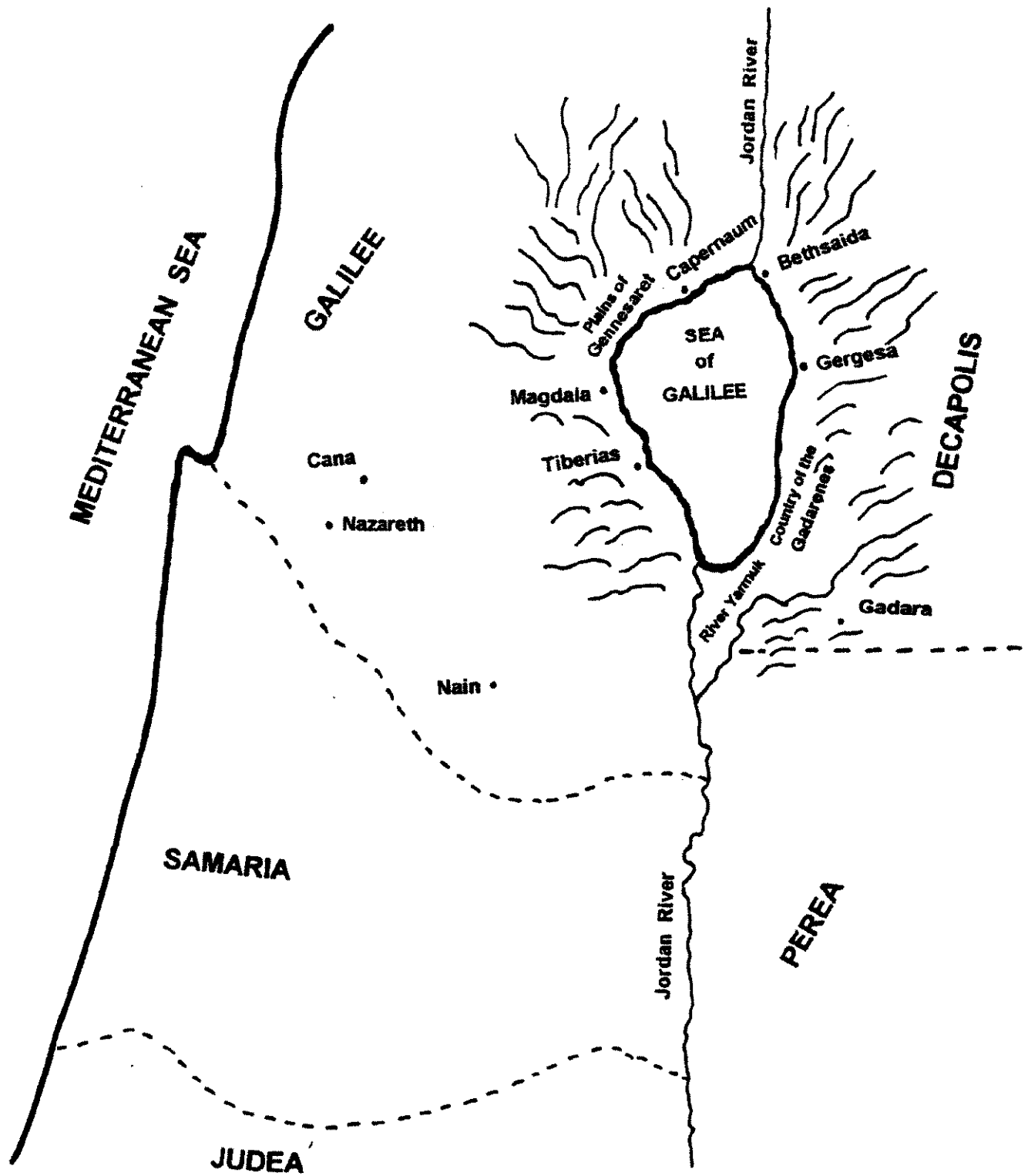
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Jesus went across the sea. He went in a boat. He left from Capernaum. His disciples were with Him. The people that followed Jesus needed something to eat. Jesus fed the multitude with 5 loaves and 2 fish. When Jesus walked on the water, the disciples thought He was a ghost. The disciples were rowing hard trying to get across the sea. Peter said, "Lord if it is really you, let me come out to you on the water. Jesus walked on the water. The people wanted to make Jesus their king. In the nighttime Jesus looked like a ghost. Jesus worked many miracles. It was night when the disciples went across the sea. Jesus walked out to them on the water. The people said Jesus was a prophet. Jesus made the storm be quiet. The disciples rowed the boat hard trying to get to shore. The ship took them across the sea. Peter forgot to trust Jesus, and sank. The people did not understand that Jesus was God's Son. In the darkness, the disciples heard the voice of Jesus. The waves rocked the boat. The disciples were excited when they saw Jesus walking out to them. A young boy brought his lunch to Jesus.

Look up Revelation 3:19 in your Bible for the last one —

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

Primary Worksheet #2



## Primary Worksheet #3

<p><b>Look on your map and answer the following questions:</b></p>
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1. The Sea of Galilee is surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The area of \_\_\_\_\_ is between the Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Galilee.
3. The area of \_\_\_\_\_ is on the other side of the Sea of Galilee, across the \_\_\_\_\_ River.
4. The country of the \_\_\_\_\_ is in the district of Decapolis.
5. Jesus and his disciples left \_\_\_\_\_ and went by ship across the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to the country of the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Where was Jesus when He left to go across the sea? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What sea did He cross? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who went with Him? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What happened when they got out in the middle of the sea?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did the disciples ask Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did Jesus do \_\_\_\_\_
7. What were the words Jesus spoke? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What did the disciples think? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Look on your map and answer the following questions:**

1. The Sea of Galilee is surrounded by mountains.
2. The area of Galilee is between the Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Galilee.
3. The area of Decapolis is on the other side of the Sea of Galilee, across the Jordan River.
4. The country of the Gadarenes is in the district of Decapolis.
5. Jesus and His disciples left Capernaum and went by ship across the Sea of Galilee to the country of the Gadarenes.

1. Where was Jesus when He left to go across the sea? Capernaum
2. What sea did He cross? the Sea of Galilee
3. Who went with Him? his disciples and people in other ships
4. What happened when they got out in the middle of the sea? a great storm arose
5. What did the disciples ask Jesus? Do you not care if we drown?
6. What did Jesus do He rebuked the wind, and calmed the sea.
7. What were the words Jesus spoke? "Peace, be still."
8. What did the disciples think? What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?

## Primary Worksheet #4

Fill in the blanks to complete the story. Each space is a letter.

Jesus left \_\_\_\_\_ and went across the \_\_\_\_\_  
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 They rowed hard to get \_\_\_\_\_ the sea. The \_\_\_\_\_ blew hard, and  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ came into the ship. The disciples woke Jesus up, and said,  
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 to the sea, "\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_." Jesus asked the  
 disciples why they were \_\_\_\_\_. He asked, "Where is your \_\_\_\_\_?"  
 The disciples were more \_\_\_\_\_, and said to one another, "What  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of man is this, that even the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ obey  
 Him?"

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**Unscramble the letters to make words found in our lesson:**

I A G L E E L \_\_\_\_\_

S E J U S \_\_\_\_\_

H S P I \_\_\_\_\_

R O S T M \_\_\_\_\_

D I W N \_\_\_\_\_



Fill in the blanks to complete the story. Each space is a letter.

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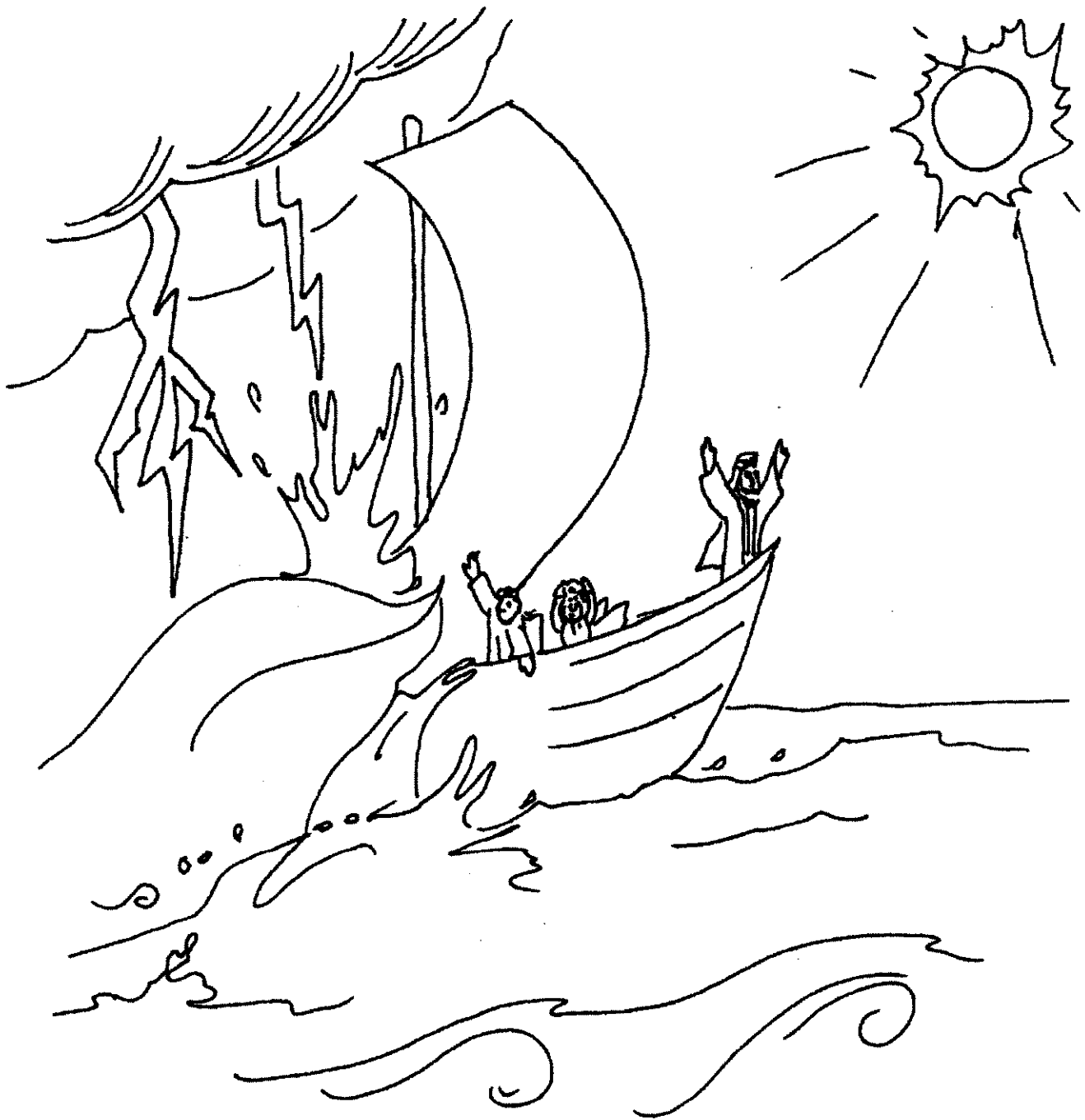
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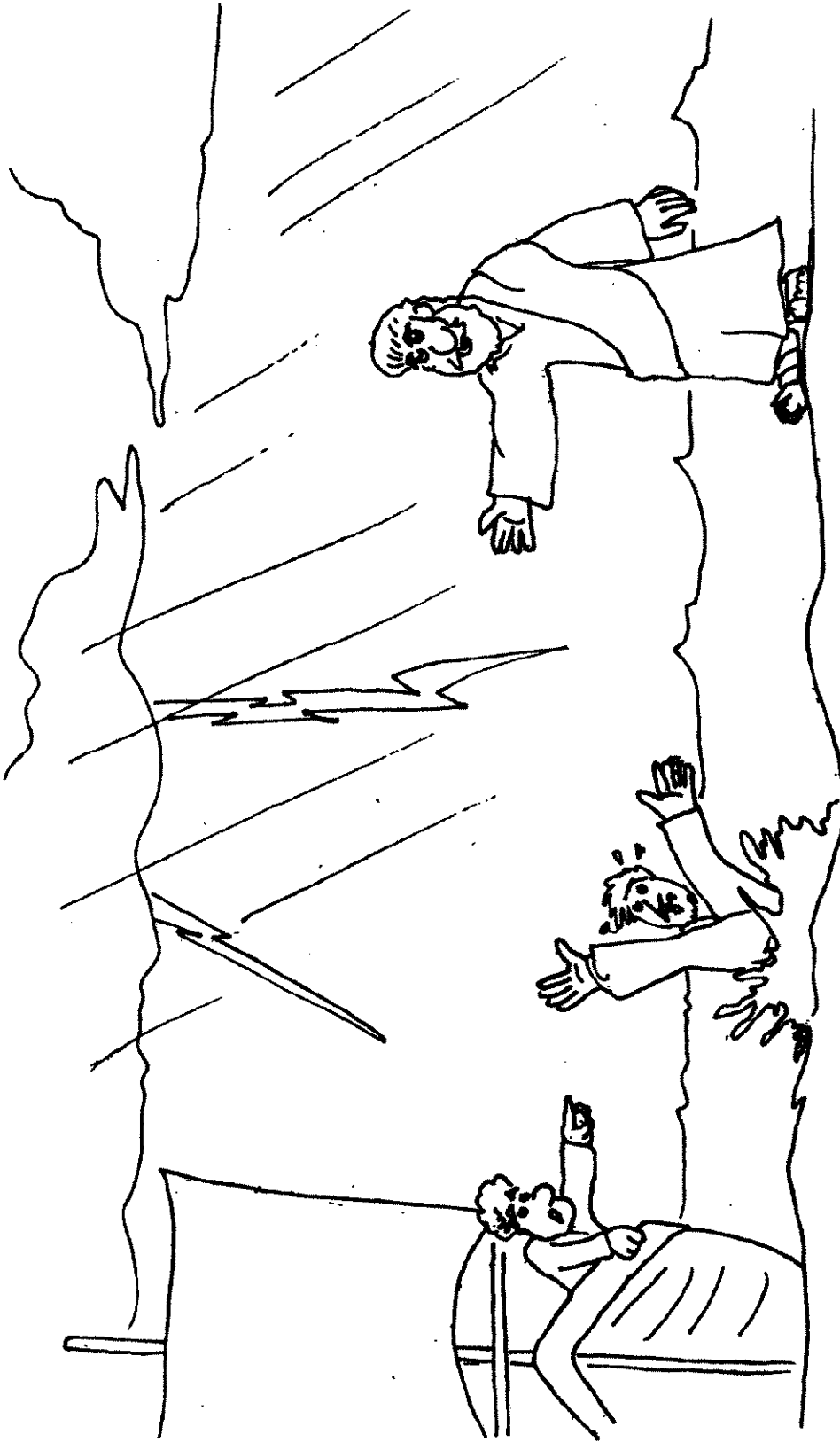
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**Jesus said, "Peace, be still." And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.**



Peter wanted to walk out on the water to Jesus.  
He got scared and started to sink.

## JESUS DEFIED THE EVIL SPIRITS

**Scriptures:** Mark 5:1-15 Luke 8:26-36 Matthew 8:28-33

**Aim:** To answer the questions that children have — “Why do bad things happen to a person who loves God?” and “If I love God, will any bad things ever happen to me?”

**Emphasis:** It is the influence of Satan in the world that causes all things that are sinful. Sickness, suffering, death, pain, are all results of the sin nature that Satan caused. Evil spirits are at work in the world today, and work on the hearts and lives of God’s people to try to get them to disobey God.

**Memory Verse: Matthew 8:29**

*“And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?”*

### Background material

In the beginning, before God created man, God created angels. The angels were spiritual beings; intelligent spirits. They did not have bodies. They lived in the presence of God. They were bright, shining, spirits created to serve God. God created the angels in three realms: spiritual, intellectual, and material. There were three archangels, or head angels, who served as the leader of each of three groups. Michael and one-third of the angels served God in the spiritual realm. Gabriel and one-third of the angels served God in the intellectual realm; they are the ones who brought messages from God to men to tell them what God’s will for them was before the Bible was written. Lucifer, the “bright and shining one”, the most beautiful of all the angels, was created to serve God in the material realm, the universe that God created.

### Ministering spirits —

They were to worship Jesus —

**Hebrews 1:6**, *“And again, when He bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him.”*

They minister to God in whatever realm He chooses —

**Hebrews 1:7**, *“And of the angels He saith, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.”* (Psalm 104:4)

There are guardian angels for those who are children of God —

**Hebrews 1:14**, *“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”*

### Where did evil spirits come from?

Lucifer was not content serving God by caring for the physical creation of the universe. In his heart he was envious of the position of Jesus as the Son of God. He did not want to be a creation of God, but a part of God. He said he would make himself a god. He would ascend into heaven and exalt his throne above the other angels, and be like God.

**Isaiah 14:12-15**, *“How are thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, - - - For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: - - - I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”* Ultimately Satan and his angels will be cast into Hell for eternity because of their rebellion against God.

**Revelation 12:7-9**, *“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: He was cast out into the earth, and his angels with him.”*

Satan was cast out of heaven and the only place for him to go was to the earth over which God had placed him. One-third of the angels who served under him were cast out with him to the earth where they exist today. Satan destroyed God’s perfect creation, so God reconstructed it according to the Genesis account of creation.

God created man in His image. Man would now be the one who had a close relationship with God, so Satan decided to destroy this perfect man. He tempted Adam and Eve to sin by deceiving them into disobeying God and eating of the fruit that God had forbidden them to even touch. The result of eating this fruit was death, or eternal separation from God. Now Satan had possession of man. As God had to remedy the creation that Satan destroyed, now He had to provide a remedy for sin in the lives of Adam and Eve and every person who would ever be born into the world. The price for eternal redemption was the blood of the sinless Son of God. God promised to send His Son to die in the place of mankind, so they could be redeemed, or bought back from the clutches of Satan. Satan knows that because of his rebellion, Hell was created for him to spend eternity. He and the evil spirits know they will go there some day. So his intentions are to take as many members of the human race with him as he can. The only way to do this is to keep them from trusting in the shed blood of Jesus for forgiveness of their sins.

God created the earth perfect and Satan destroyed it, so God had to recreate it. God created man perfect and Satan destroyed him, so God had to provide a way for him to be born again with a perfect soul, or spirit, that Satan cannot touch because it is covered by the blood of Jesus. Everything Satan has tried to do to overpower God has failed. When Jesus was born Satan tried to destroy Him by working through Herod, the king who had all of the babies in and around Bethlehem killed so Jesus would be included. But God protected Him. As soon as Jesus was baptized to announce to the world that He would be crucified and buried, but He would rise again, Satan spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness trying to convince Jesus if He would bow down and worship him He could escape the suffering of the crucifixion, and become king of this world immediately without having to die first. Jesus had the power to defy Satan.

Jesus spent three years on the earth teaching, preaching, and performing miracles to convince the people that He was the Son of God, not the son of a man named Joseph. During this three years He constantly faced the evil spirits that dwell on the earth. In our lesson today we will learn of some of the victories Jesus won over the forces of evil that tried to destroy Him. In every case, the power of God was greater than the power of Satan. Jesus could by the power of God defy the evil spirits.

### **The wild man of Gadara**

In our last lesson we learned how Jesus stilled the storm and calmed the raging sea. The disciples were amazed and said, "*What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?*" When the storm stopped, they continued across the sea to the country of the Gadarenes. As soon as Jesus stepped out of the ship He was met by a man who was possessed by evil spirits. They had entered into this man and taken complete control of his body and mind.

The sea was surrounded by mountains. In the rocky mountain cliffs were holes and caves that were used to bury the dead. They were called tombs. This man was insane and lived in these tombs. He was possessed with evil spirits causing a serious mental illness. He had no mind to function as a person, or think and act rationally. He did not have the ability to act like a human being. The evil spirits caused him to act like a wild animal.

When Jesus and His disciples got out of the ship and walked across the seashore, the wild man saw them. The evil spirits that lived within him immediately recognized Jesus. They knew Jesus had the power to defy them. They knew He was the Son of God. Jesus was with God in eternity when the angels were created. He was there when Lucifer sinned and became Satan, or the Devil, and was cast out of heaven to the earth. He was there when one third of the angels chose to follow Lucifer, and became the evil spirits that live on the earth today. They are what causes all of the evil and sin that exists in the world today. These evil spirits inhabited this man and caused him to be insane.

They tormented him day and night. He lived among the dead bodies in the tombs. He was like a wild animal. He did not wear clothes. He ran through the mountains day and night crying, and screaming, and cutting himself with rocks. Everyone was afraid of him. He had been possessed by the devils for a long time. The people of the town had tried to tie him up with ropes, and he broke them off. They bound him with chains, and he broke the chains. He was so fierce he would not let anyone pass by that way. He terrorized the people day and night. No one could control him and everyone was afraid of him.

From a long way off the man saw Jesus, and ran and fell down at His feet, and worshipped Him. The spirits recognized Jesus and cried out, "*What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Are you come to torment us before the time?*" They knew they lived in rebellion to God, and would one day be punished in a place of torment for ever and ever. They feared God, and they feared Jesus. They knew someday Jesus would conquer them, and cast them out into their eternal punishment. They knew that time had not yet come, and asked if He was going to punish them before the time came. They were afraid of Jesus because they knew He had power over them to destroy them. They knew they would spend eternity in Hell and they were not ready yet for this punishment.

Jesus then spoke to the spirits and commanded them, *“Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.”* Jesus asked the spirit, “What is your name?” and he answered, *“My name is Legion: for we are many.”* A “legion” was a way of counting. The Roman army was divided into legions; sometimes ranging from three thousand to six thousand men in a legion. There were many thousands of these evil spirits that lived within the man. The spirits begged Jesus not to send them away out of the country.

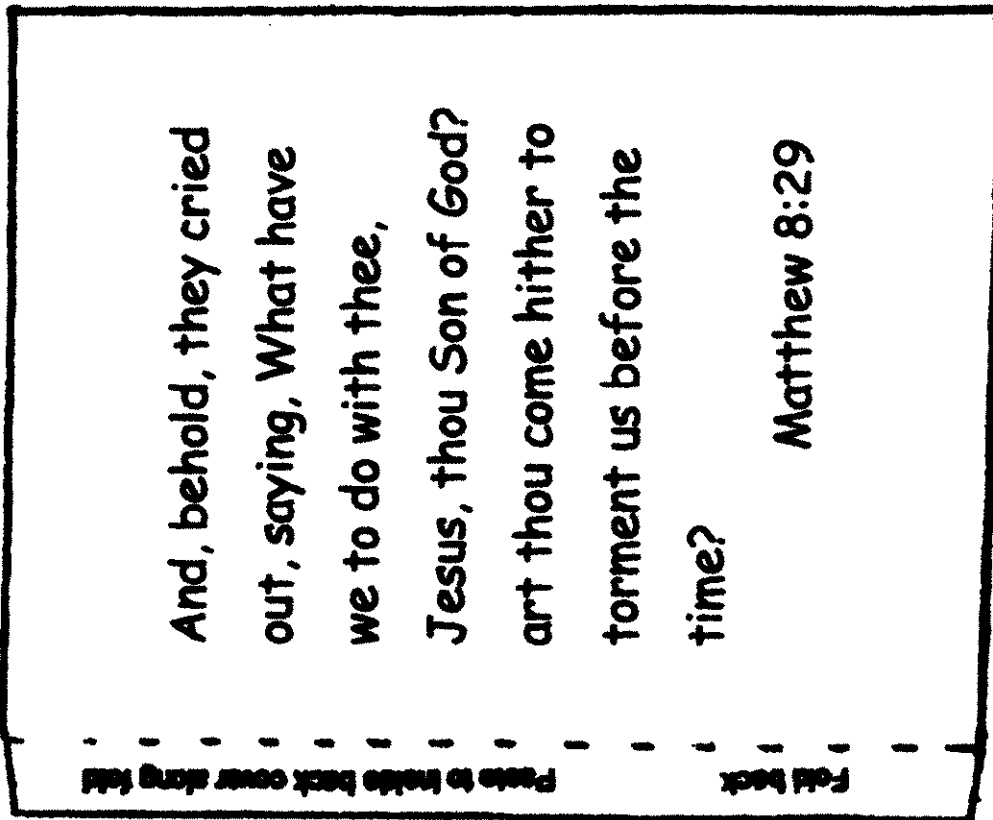
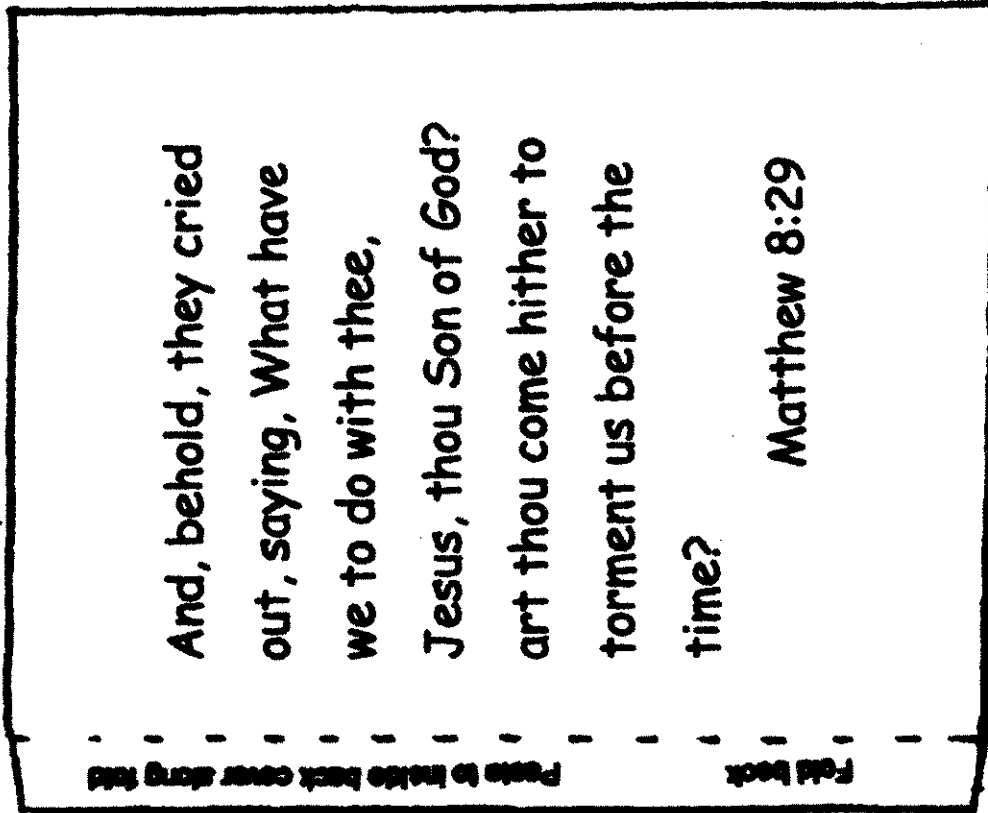
On the hillside nearby was a large herd of swine. Swine are pigs, or hogs. There were about 2,000 pigs in this herd. The devils asked Jesus, *“Send us into the swine, that we may live in them.”* Jesus gave them permission, and they left the man and entered into the herd of swine. The swine became so tormented and insane, that they ran violently down a steep hill and into the sea, where they drowned. However, the people in the town and those who owned the pigs were not happy. They demanded that Jesus leave Gadara. They were more concerned that their pigs died than they were that Jesus defied the evil spirits and the insane man had been healed.

### **Jesus cast out many other evil spirits**

On many other occasions Jesus cast out evil spirits. Some men brought a friend to Jesus who could not speak because he was controlled by an evil spirit. **Matthew 9:32**, *“As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed with a devil.”* “Dumb” means not able to speak. This devil took control of him and prevented him from being able to speak, so Jesus commanded him to come out of the man. *“And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.”* They had never seen anything like this in Israel. But the Pharisees still denied He was God’s Son and said, *“He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils”*, or the power of Satan. **Matthew 12: 22**, They brought another man to Jesus who was possessed with a devil, blind, and speechless, and He healed him, and the man could see and talk. All the people were amazed, but once again the Pharisees said He did it by the power of Beelzebub, or the false god of the housefly.

On one occasion, because Jesus wanted all of the nation of Israel to hear that He had come into the world, and wanted them to believe and accept Him as the Son of God, He gave power to the apostles to also do miracles. **Matthew 10:1, 5-8**, *“And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”* He told them not to go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, *“But rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils:”* Jesus came to the Jews first. He was born an Israelite, and wanted the Jewish people to accept Him as the promised Messiah. When they rejected Him and had Him crucified, He turned to the Gentiles to make up His church that He left in the world to preach the gospel to every nation.

He gave the apostles power to defy evil spirits and do other miracles in His name to prove that the message they preached about Jesus was true. If He was not from God, He could not give them the power to do the miracles that they did, or give them the power He possessed to defy evil spirits.





## Primary Worksheet # 1

**Fill in the blanks to review the story. Each space is a letter.**

\_\_\_\_\_ and the disciples crossed over the \_\_\_\_\_ and came to the country of the \_\_\_\_\_. A man who had a large number of \_\_\_\_\_ spirits living in him met them. He was like a \_\_\_\_\_ animal. He lived among the \_\_\_\_\_ could not hold him. When Jesus cast out the evil \_\_\_\_\_, they went into a herd of \_\_\_\_\_. Swine are \_\_\_\_\_. The hogs ran down a \_\_\_\_\_ and into the \_\_\_\_\_ where they \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Look up the scriptures and fill in the blanks.**

**Mark 5:2** "And when \_\_\_\_\_ was come \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, immediately there met \_\_\_\_\_ out of the \_\_\_\_\_ a man with an \_\_\_\_\_ spirit."

**Mark 5:8** "For he said unto him, \_\_\_\_\_ out of the \_\_\_\_\_, thou unclean \_\_\_\_\_."

**Matthew 8:31** "So the \_\_\_\_\_ besought Him saying, if thou \_\_\_\_\_ us out, suffer \_\_\_\_\_ to go away \_\_\_\_\_ the herd of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Luke 8:33** "Then \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ out of the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_: and the \_\_\_\_\_ ran violently \_\_\_\_\_ a steep \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_, and were \_\_\_\_\_."

**Fill in the blanks to review the story. Each space is a letter.**

J e s u s and the disciples crossed over the s e a and came to the country of the G a d a r e n e s. A man who had a large number of e v i l spirits living in him met them. He was like a w i l d animal. He lived among the t o m b s. C h a i n s could not hold him. When Jesus cast out the evil s p i r i t s, they went into a herd of s w i n e. Swine are h o g s. The hogs ran down a h i l l and into the l a k e where they d r o w n e d.

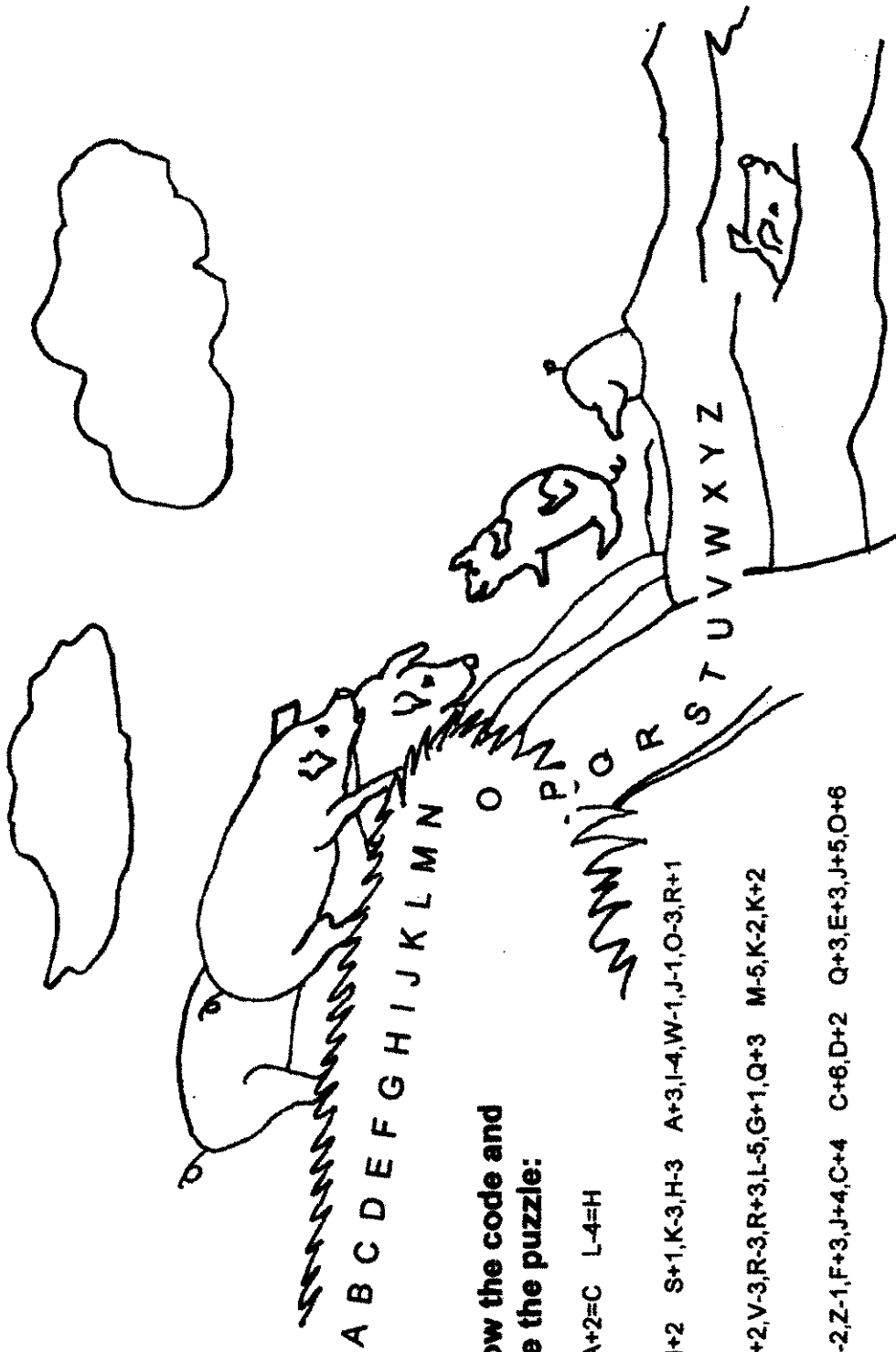
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**Mark 5:8** "For He said unto him, come out of the man, thou unclean spirit."

**Matthew 8:31** "So the devils besought Him saying, if thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine."

**Luke 8:33** "Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine; and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked."



**Follow the code and solve the puzzle:**

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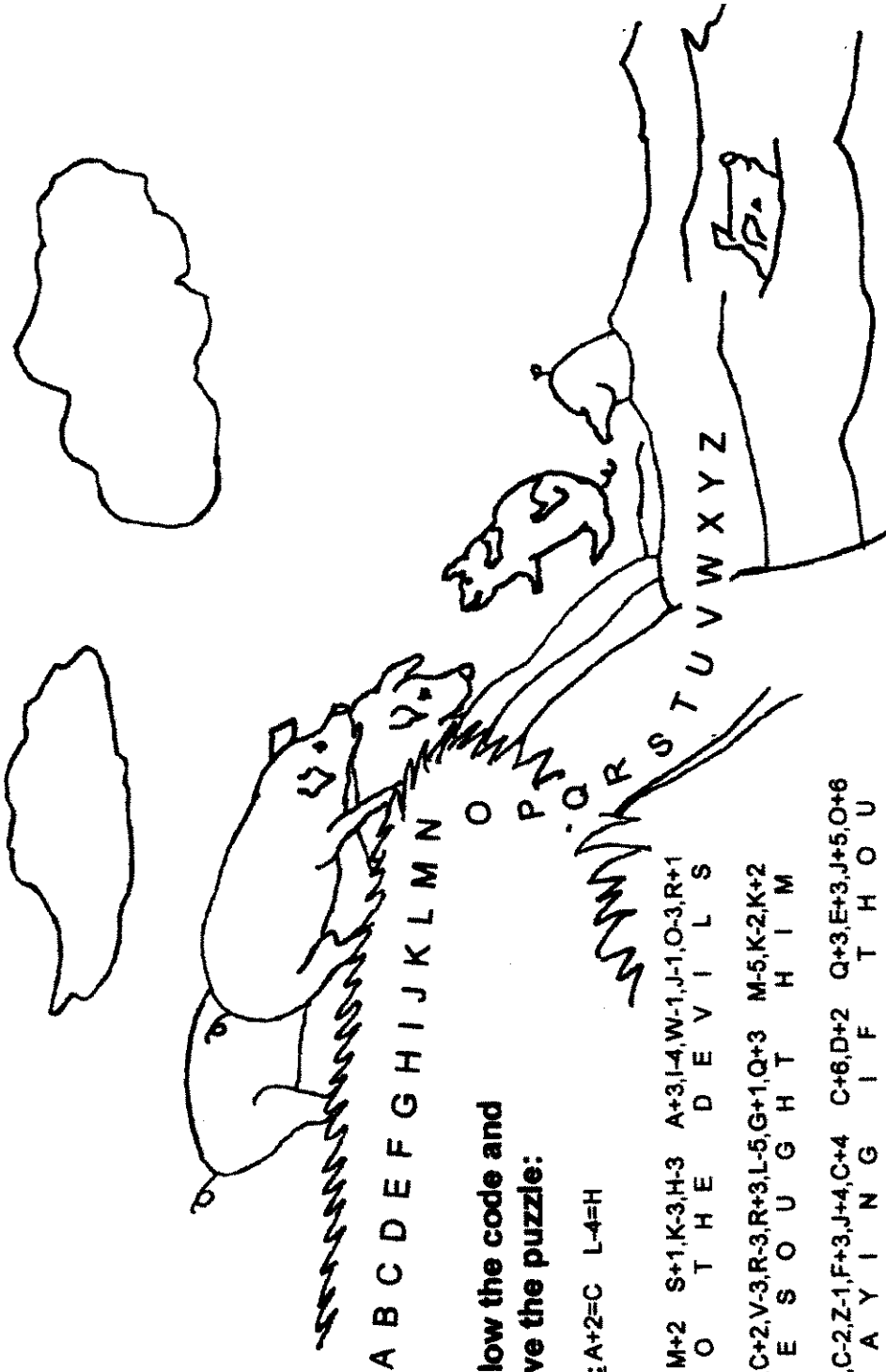
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N

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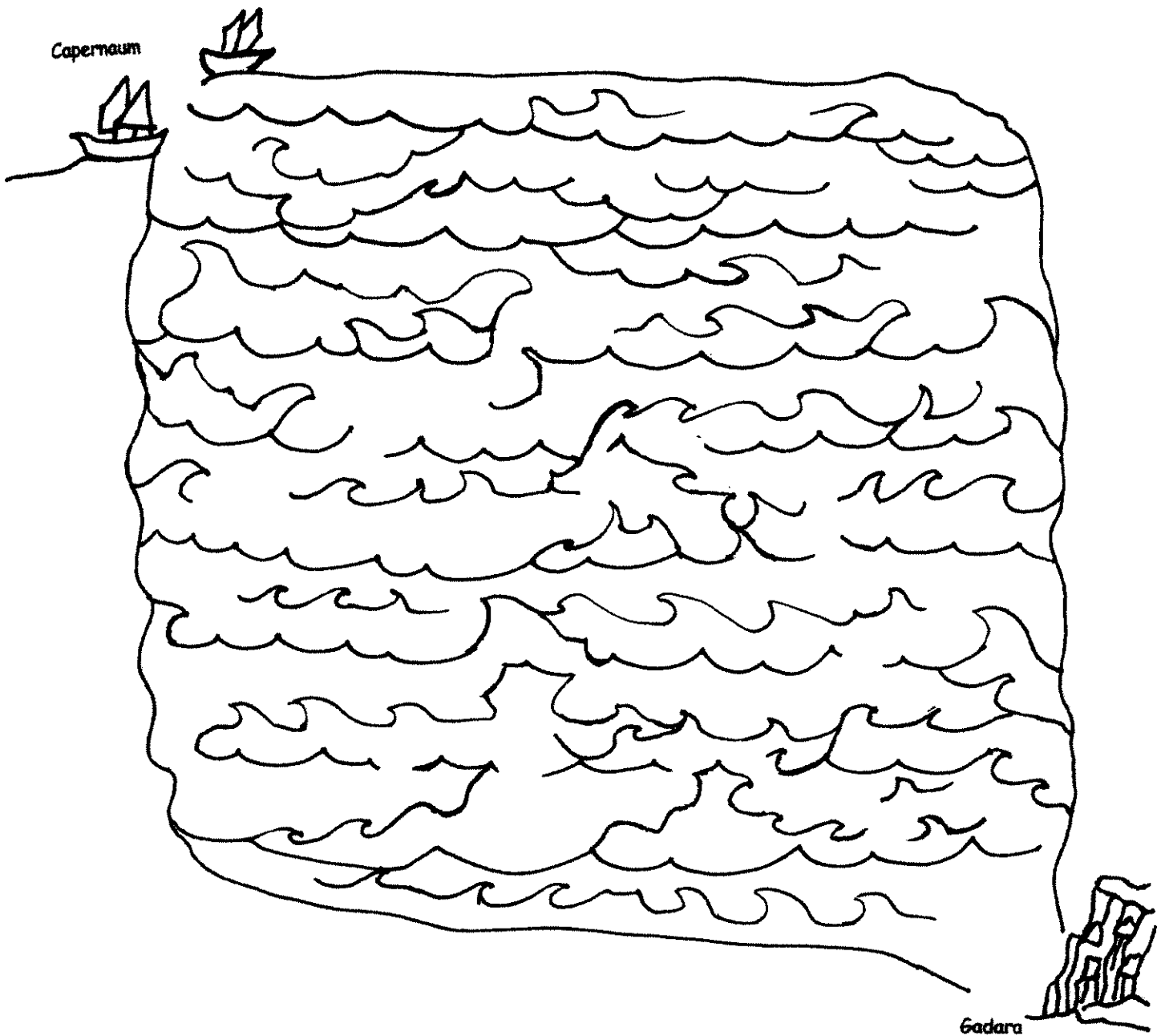
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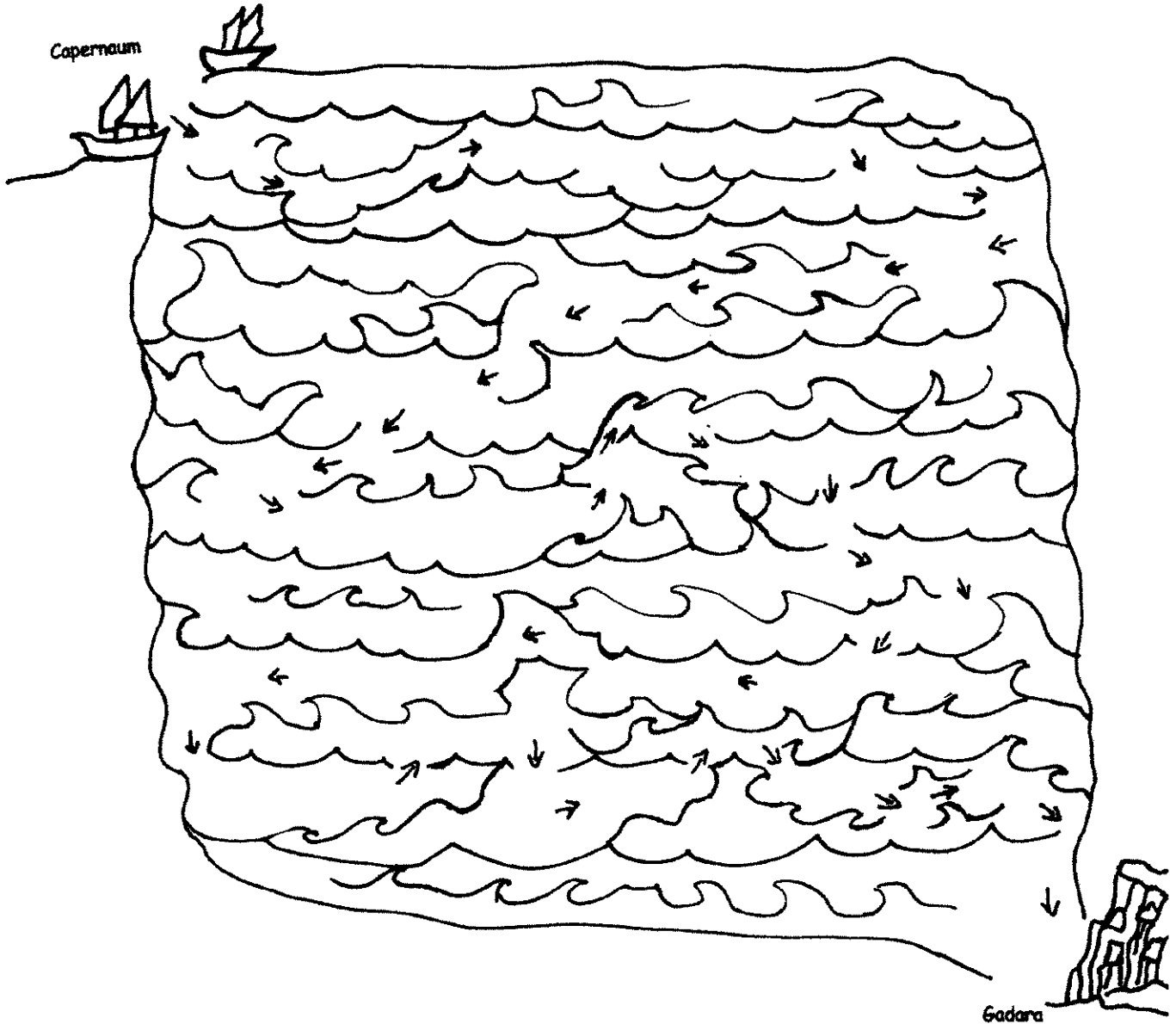
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Primary Worksheet # 3

Help Jesus and the disciples find their way across the Sea of Galilee from Capernaum to Gadara.



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Primary Worksheet # 4

**Look up Matthew 4:24-26:**  
**List the places people came from to follow Jesus and have their friends healed.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Circle these places on the map.

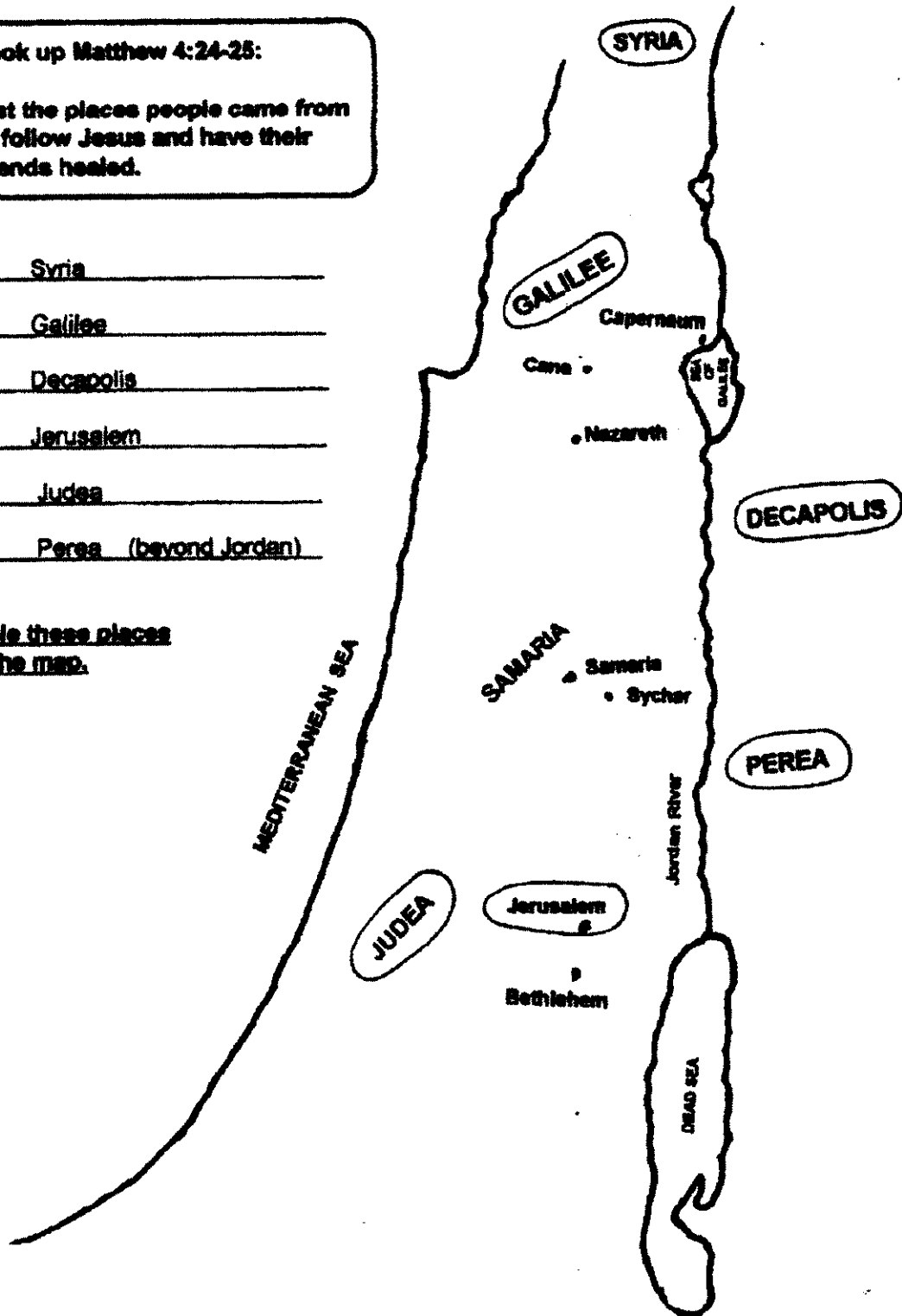


Look up Matthew 4:24-25:

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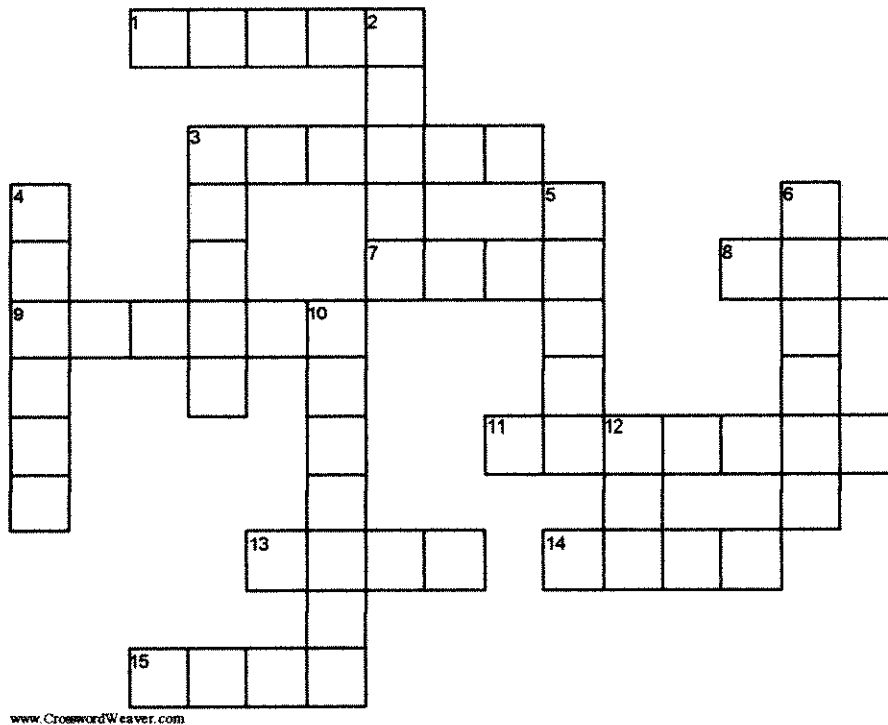
1. Syria
2. Galilee
3. Decapolis
4. Jerusalem
5. Judea
6. Perea (beyond Jordan)

Circle these places on the map.





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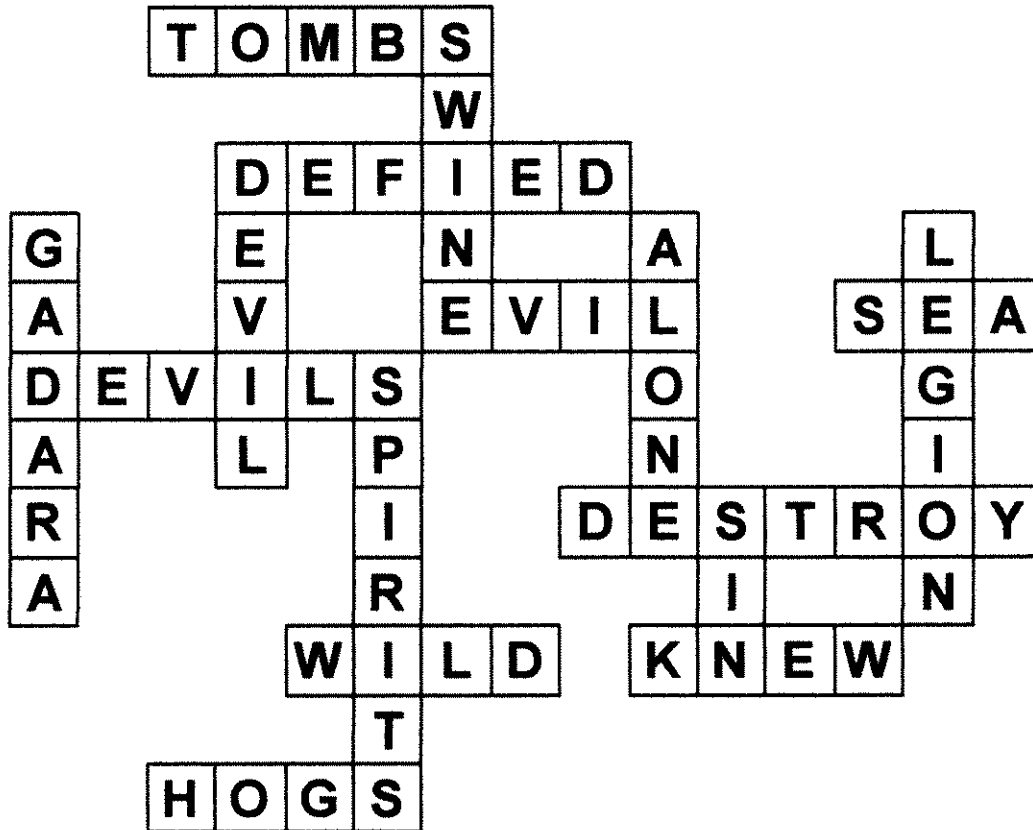


## ACROSS

- 1 The wild man lived in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the evil spirits.
- 7 One third of the angels followed Lucifer and became \_\_\_\_\_ spirits.
- 8 The swine ran into the \_\_\_\_\_ and drowned.
- 9 Jesus cast \_\_\_\_\_ out of many people.
- 11 The evil spirits asked, "Have you come to \_\_\_\_\_ us?"
- 13 A \_\_\_\_\_ man lived in Gadara.
- 14 The spirits \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was God's Son.
- 15 Swine are \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN

- 2 The spirits went into a herd of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Lucifer sinned and became the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Jesus went to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 The spirit said, "Let us \_\_\_\_\_."
- 6 The evil spirit said his name was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 The wild man was possessed with evil \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 Evil spirits in the world today tempt us to \_\_\_\_\_.



## JESUS DEFIED SICKNESS AND DEATH

**Scriptures:** John 4:45-54 Mark 1:29-31 Luke 5:18-26 Matthew 8:5-9, 13  
John 11:1-54 Mark 5:22-24, 35-43

**Aim:** To teach the students that Jesus preformed miracles when He was on the earth. He does not need to instantly heal people today to prove He is the Son of God, because we have the Bible. It teaches us all we need to know about Jesus.

**Emphasis:** Jesus did not heal people just because He felt sorry for them. He healed them so others would witness His power and believe in Him. If He healed people just out of pity, why did He not heal everyone who was sick? Many times He left crowds waiting, and slipped off to other areas to preach and heal the sick people who were there. If He healed just because He felt sorry for them, why did He not heal everybody in the whole world? He only healed those individuals who were in His presence at the time, and He did it in order for others present to witness the power of God that He possessed in order to prove that He was who He claimed to be.

**Memory Verse: Matthew 9:35**

*“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.”*

**Alternate Memory Verse: Luke 7:15**

*“And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak.”*

There is no way that we can mention in one lesson all of the people that Jesus healed. But He healed every person for the same purpose, so that God would be glorified and Jesus would prove He was God’s Son. The first time that Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover after John baptized Him and identified Him 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. Jesus was not a super hero. Don’t degrade Jesus by presenting Him to the children as a super hero. You do not want them to grow up with the impression that He was like the modern day super heroes that they see on TV and in movies. He was and is the Son of God.

Many people came from all over the Jewish area for the Passover Feast. When Jesus did miracles, many people who were there saw them, and many people who were not there heard about it. Some of the people who saw the miracles that Jesus did were from Galilee. When they returned home they told everyone what they had seen in Jerusalem. So the fame of Jesus spread rapidly. After the Feast in Jerusalem Jesus went back into Galilee to preach in their synagogues. On the way and while there He healed many people of all kinds of diseases, and cast out evil spirits that cause mental illnesses, blindness, and left many deaf and speechless. Many who saw the miracles went immediately and got their friends who has some need and brought them to Jesus to be healed.

### **Jesus healed a child with a high fever — John 4:45-54**

When the people heard that Jesus had come back into Galilee, they brought many sick friends and family members to be healed. A nobleman, a ruler in the city of Capernaum, heard that Jesus had healed sick people. His son was very sick. He walked about fifteen or twenty miles to Cana looking for Jesus because he had faith that Jesus could make his son well. The nobleman had servants, but he did not send them. He did not wait until Jesus came to Capernaum. Even though it was several miles, he went looking for Jesus. He believed that if he could bring Jesus to his house, He could make his little boy well. The nobleman traveled all day. The next day when he found Jesus he begged Him to come to Capernaum with him and heal his son who was so sick he was almost ready to die.

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 got there. He believed that Jesus was sent from God and he believed that Jesus had the power to make his son well. When Jesus saw how much faith the nobleman had, He told him to, “Go back home, your son will live.” Again, the nobleman did not argue with Jesus. He believed Him. He did not question why Jesus would not go with him or how his son could live if Jesus did not come.

**John 4:50** tells us, *“The man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.”* Before he got home the nobleman met his servants coming to tell him that there was no need for him to bring Jesus back with him, because suddenly the fever left the child and he was well. He asked, “Exactly at what time did the child begin to get better?” and he realized that it was exactly the same hour that Jesus said to him, *“Go home, your son lives.”* Jesus did not have to come to Capernaum. He healed the nobleman’s son even though He was in Cana and the child was several miles away in Capernaum.

### **Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law — Mark 1:29-31**

Early in His ministry, Jesus went into the synagogue at Capernaum and taught the meaning of the scriptures. The people were astonished at his teaching, *“for He taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.”* While Jesus was there He cast evil spirits out of a man. The people were amazed when He cast out the demons, and said, “What kind of new doctrine is this? He can even command the evil spirits and they obey Him.” This caused a great stir in Capernaum and His fame spread throughout all Galilee.

Jesus and the disciples went to the nearby home of Peter and Andrew, where Peter’s wife and her mother lived. Her mother was very sick with a high fever. When Jesus came into the house, He took her by the hand and lifted her up. Immediately the fever left her, and she began to prepare them some food. By evening the news had spread so fast that many had come to her home and brought sick people and some who were possessed with devils. *“And all the city was gathered together at the door. And He healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils:”*

Early the next morning before it was daylight Jesus slipped out secretly to a quiet place to pray. The disciples came looking for Him because there was a great crowd waiting at Peter’s

home for Jesus to return. Jesus refused to go back, and said He must go to other places to preach so the people there could hear. He went from town to town preaching in the synagogues and healing anyone who came to Him to be made well.

### **Jesus healed leprosy Matthew 8:1-3**

Leprosy was a very bad and dreaded disease. It caused very bad sores on their bodies, particularly their hands and feet. They were swollen and painful. If it extended to the bones they became crippled and could no longer walk. One day there was a man in the crowd following Jesus who had leprosy. He came and knelt down before Jesus and said, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." Jesus said, "I will" and reached out and touched the man and immediately the leprosy was cleansed. Jesus healed many others who were lepers. Leprosy was highly contagious, so the person affected had to leave his home and live in a colony isolated from other people, only with those who also had leprosy, in order to not spread the disease. Their families would bring medicine, bandages, and food and leave it by the side of the road. After they went away the lepers could come and get it.

On one occasion Jesus passed by a leper colony. Ten men ran out and called to Him, "*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.*" Jesus just spoke and all ten were cleansed of their leprosy. One of the ten came and fell at Jesus' feet and worshipped Him and thanked Him for healing him of his leprosy. Jesus said, "*Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.*" Jesus not only healed him, but He forgave his sins and made him a child of God.

### **Jesus healed paralysis — Luke 5:18-26**

Another bad disease that Jesus healed was palsy, a form of paralysis. Jesus was at a house preaching, and so many people came that there was not room for anyone else to get in the door. Some men brought a friend who had palsy and could not get up from his bed. They carried him on a mat, and when they could not get in to where Jesus was, they went up on the roof and uncovered a portion large enough to let the man down through the roof so he was in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, He said, "*Thy sins are forgiven thee*". The Pharisees who were there criticized Jesus and accused Him of blaspheming God. They said, "No one but God can forgive sins." Jesus asked them, "Is it easier to say, your sins are forgiven, or to say rise up and walk?" He told the man, "Arise, take up your bed and go home." The man immediately got up, picked up his bed, and went to his house, glorifying God. Jesus said He did this so the Pharisees would know He had power on earth to forgive sins as well as to heal.

Jesus healed many others who had palsy. **Matthew 4:24**, "And His fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto Him all sick people - - - and those that had palsy; and He healed them." **Matthew 8:5-9, 13** — There was a man who was not even a Jew, a centurion, a captain over one hundred soldiers in the Roman army, who helped the Jews build a Synagogue in Capernaum. He had a servant, a soldier under his command, who had palsy. He did not think he was worthy to ask Jesus, so he sent the elders of the Jews to Jesus to ask Him to come and heal his servant. Before Jesus got to his house the centurion met Him and said, "I have a lot of authority; I tell men to come or go and they do whatever I command, but I am not worthy for you to even come under my roof. If you will you can just speak and he will be healed." Jesus said He had not seen such great faith as this man had even among the Israelites.

Because of his faith in Jesus, He told him to go home and his servant would be healed. *“And his servant has healed in the selfsame hour.”*

### **Jesus healed many diseases**

Jesus made **crippled** people able to walk, and **blind** people able to see. He caused **deaf** and **speechless** people to be able to hear and talk. **John 9:11**, There was a man who was born blind who sat outside the city gate and begged day after day. Jesus healed his blindness and when his friends asked him what happened, *“He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.”*

One day as Jesus and his disciples left Jericho they saw two blind men sitting by the side of the road begging. When they heard that Jesus was in the crowd, they called out, *“Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David”*. Others in the crowd tried to make them be quiet, but they continued to call out to Jesus for help. Jesus asked, *“What do you want me to do?”* The men said, *“Lord, that our eyes may be opened.”* **Matthew 20:34**, *“So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.”*

**Matthew 12:22**, *“Then they brought unto Him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and He healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.”* **Mark 3:1**, Jesus healed a man in the synagogue who had a withered hand that he could not use. Jesus told the man to stand up and stretch out his hand. Although the man could not use his hand, he obeyed Jesus and stretched out his hand. When he did so it became whole just like the other.

Sometimes the people heard that Jesus was coming to their town, and they brought the sick, crippled, blind or deaf family members or friends and placed them along the sides of the road, and they were healed as Jesus walked by.

In the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John we read story after story of incidents when Jesus traveled from city to city and healed the crippled, the blind, the deaf, the paralyzed, leprosy, and all sorts of diseases. But the most spectacular thing that Jesus did while He was on earth was bring life back into dead bodies. Jesus defied nature in every respect. In the bodies of humanity He defied all manner of deformities, mental illness, and sickness or disease of every kind. But He also proved He could defy death. He brought life back into bodies that had died.

### **Jesus raised Jairus’ daughter, Mark 5:22-24, 35-43**

Jairus was the ruler of the synagogue in Capernaum. He only had one daughter, who was about twelve years old. She became very sick, and he thought she would die. He had probably seen Jesus make other sick people well, and believed He could make his daughter well. He found Jesus and fell at His feet and worshipped Him. He said, *“My little daughter is very sick. Please come and lay your hands on her so she will get well and not die.”* Jesus started with Jairus to his home. There was a large crowd following Him and He was delayed when a woman who had a bad blood disease touched the hem of His garment in order to be made well. By the time they started on their way again, a servant came to get Jairus, and said, *“There is*

no need for Jesus to come now, because your daughter has died.” Jesus told him not to fear, just believe and his little girl would live. When Jesus went into the room where the little girl was, He took her by the hand, called her name, and said, “Arise.” Her spirit returned to her body, and she immediately got up and walked. Jesus told her parents, “Give her something to eat.” She had died. Her spirit had left her body. But Jesus, who can control the spirits, made her spirit return to her body, and she was alive again.

### **Jesus stopped a funeral procession, Luke 7:11-16**

One day as Jesus was traveling from Capernaum to go to Jerusalem, He traveled through the city of Nain. As he approached the city, He met a funeral procession going out to the tomb to bury a young man who was the only son of his mother. Her husband was also dead, so now she was all alone. Jesus had compassion on her. He touched the bier (the platform on which the body was carried) and stopped the procession. He told the mother, “*Weep not*”, and He spoke to the dead body, “*Young man, I say unto thee, arise.*” Luke 7:14 tells us, “*And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak.*” Jesus gave him back to his mother.

### **Jesus raised Lazarus John 11:1-54**

There was a home in Bethany where Jesus stayed many times when He was traveling to Jerusalem for the feasts. It was the home of Mary and Martha, and their brother, Lazarus. The women sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was very, very sick. They knew that if Jesus was there He could heal him, so they sent word for Him to come. But Jesus did not go immediately. Jesus said, “*This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.*”

After Jesus knew that Lazarus was dead, He said it was time to go to Bethany. When He arrived, Lazarus had already been dead and buried in a tomb for four days. Mary and Martha were very upset that Jesus did not come when they sent for Him. When they heard He was a little way out of town, Martha ran out to meet Him, and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” She was disappointed and said, “If you had come when I sent for you, you could have healed him and he would not be dead.” Jesus tried to console her and said, “Your brother will live again.” Martha thought Jesus was talking about when all saved people will be resurrected and live forever with God. She agreed, “*I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.*” She did not understand that Jesus meant he would come back to life now.

Martha sent for Mary, and when she came she fell down at His feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died.” Even some of the Jews who had come to comfort Mary and Martha said, “Could this man who can open the eyes of the blind not have kept Lazarus from dying?” None of them understood why Jesus did not come immediately. But Jesus had a reason. He delayed his coming until after Lazarus was dead and buried, so He could demonstrate His power by bringing Lazarus back to life. Jesus asked them to take Him to where they had buried Lazarus. He told them to move the stone from the opening of the tomb. Martha objected, saying it would smell bad, his body had already begun to decay because he had been dead for four days. Then Jesus asked her, “Didn’t I tell you if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

They removed the stone and He prayed to God in their presence, and then called loudly, *“Lazarus, come forth.”* **John 11:44**, *“And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.”* Jesus defied death. Jesus healed his dead body, and made his spirit return into his body so that he was alive again.

Jesus raised Jairus’ daughter from the dead immediately after she died. He raised a young man who was being carried to the grave site to be buried. He raised Lazarus after he had been in the grave four days. They all lived again, but they died again.

The greatest resurrection from the dead was Jesus. Jesus was in the grave three days and caused His own spirit to come back into His body. Jesus is the only one who’s spirit returned to His body and He never died again. He was raised with a glorified body like He will give to us someday when we are resurrected.



And Jesus went about  
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 Matthew 9:35

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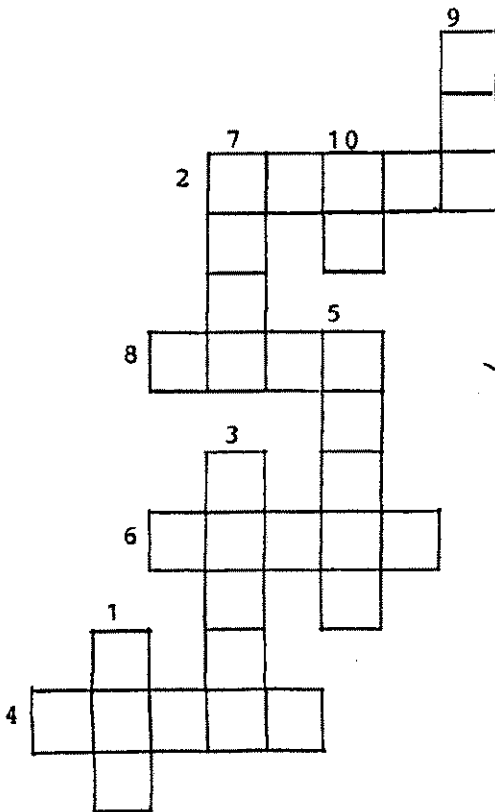
## Jesus healed the Nobleman's son

ACROSS:

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ had a high fever.
4. Jesus did not go to his \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The child's \_\_\_\_\_ was gone.
8. The servants said, "Your son is \_\_\_\_\_."

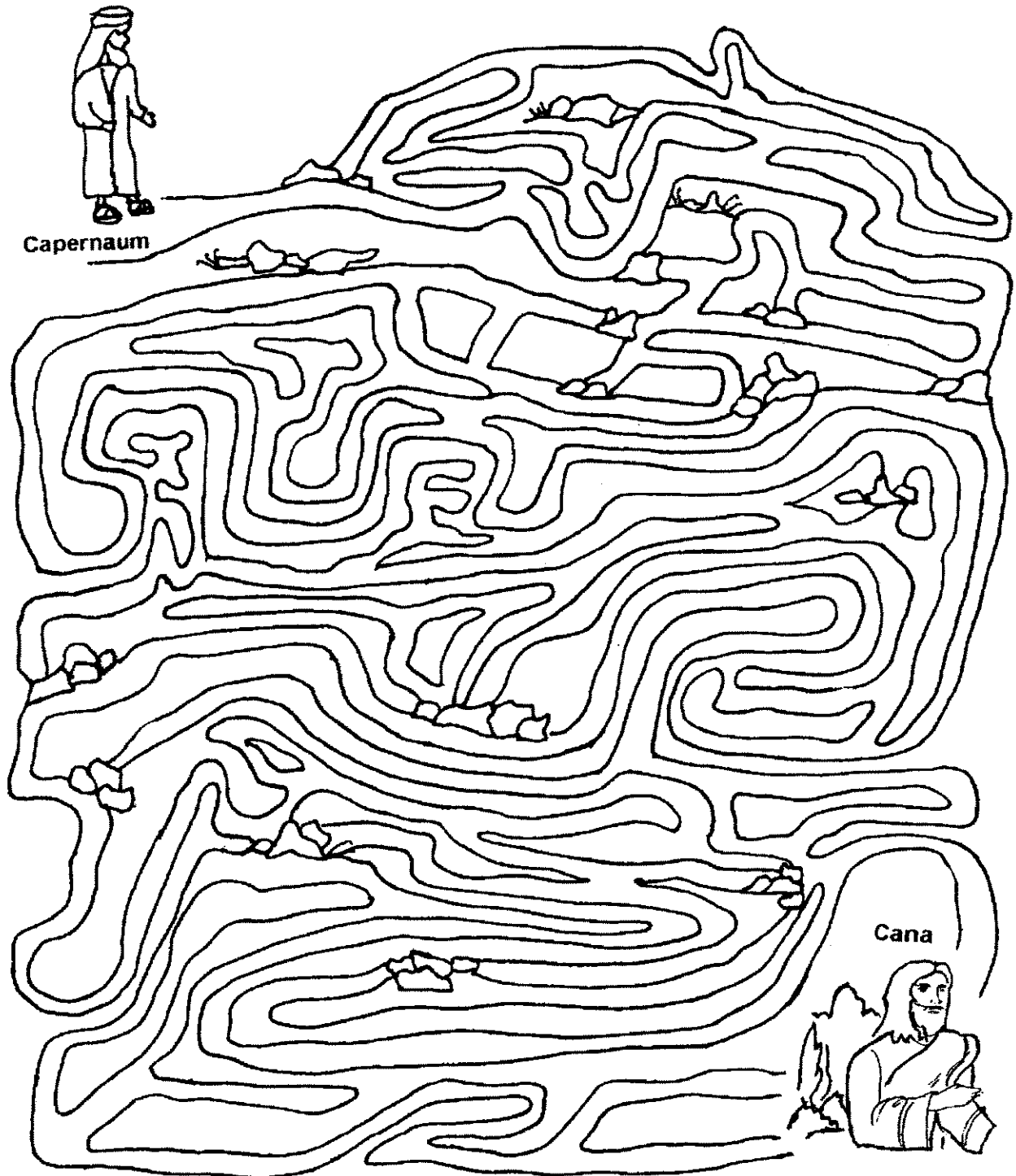
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1. The nobleman's \_\_\_\_\_ was sick.
3. The nobleman asked \_\_\_\_\_ to heal his son.
5. Jesus said, "Go home, your son \_\_\_\_\_."
7. The servants \_\_\_\_\_ to meet him.
9. They believed Jesus was sent from \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God.



Primary Worksheet # 2

Avoid the rocks that block the path and find the road that the nobleman traveled from Capernaum to Cana to find Jesus.



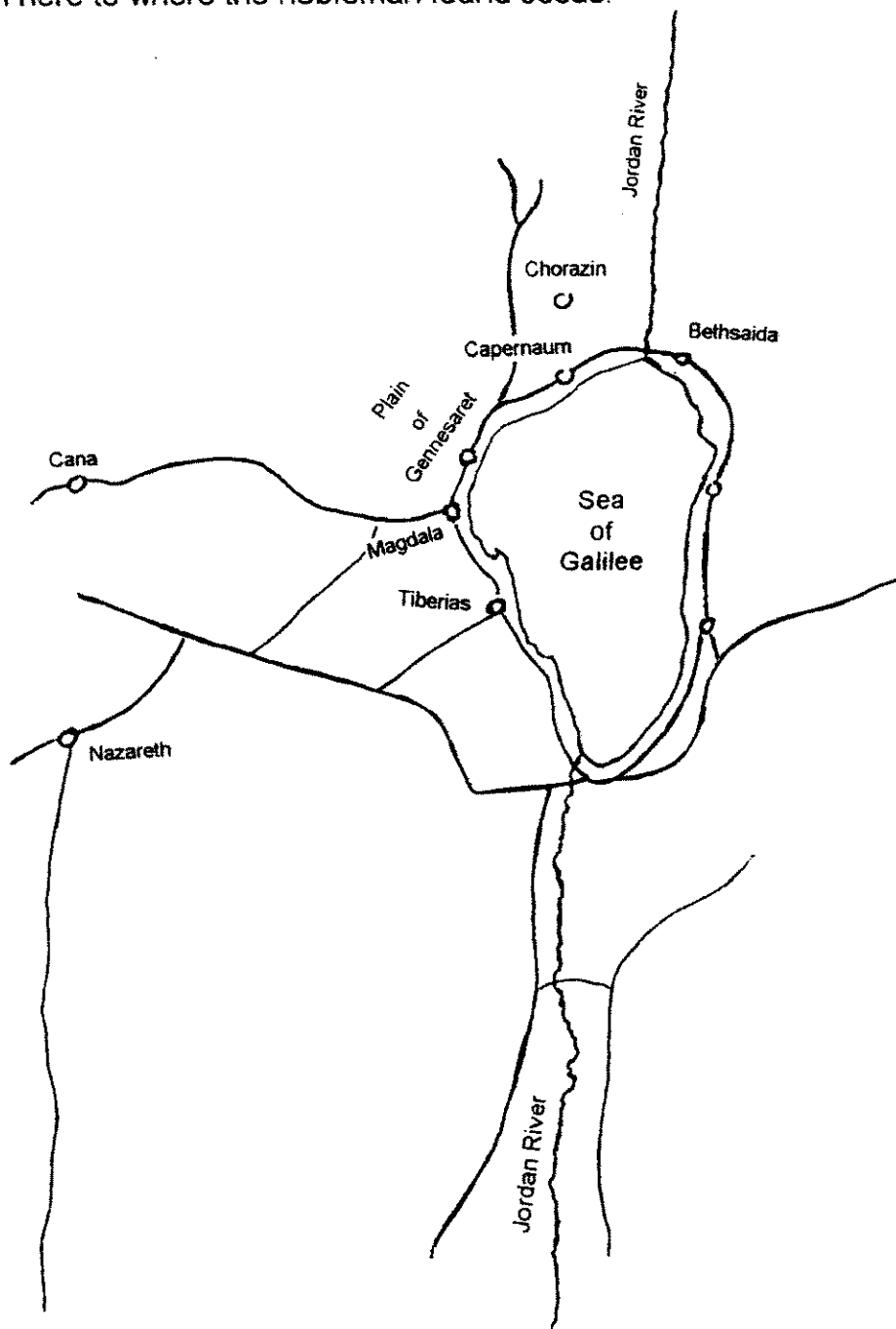
## Primary Worksheet # 3

Draw a line from here to where Jesus grew up.

Draw a line from here to where Jesus worked his first miracle.

Draw a line from here to where the nobleman lived.

Draw a line from here to where the nobleman found Jesus.



Primary Worksheet # 4

1. Where did Jesus heal the centurion's servant? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where did Jesus raise the widow's son back to life? \_\_\_\_\_

Unscramble the words:

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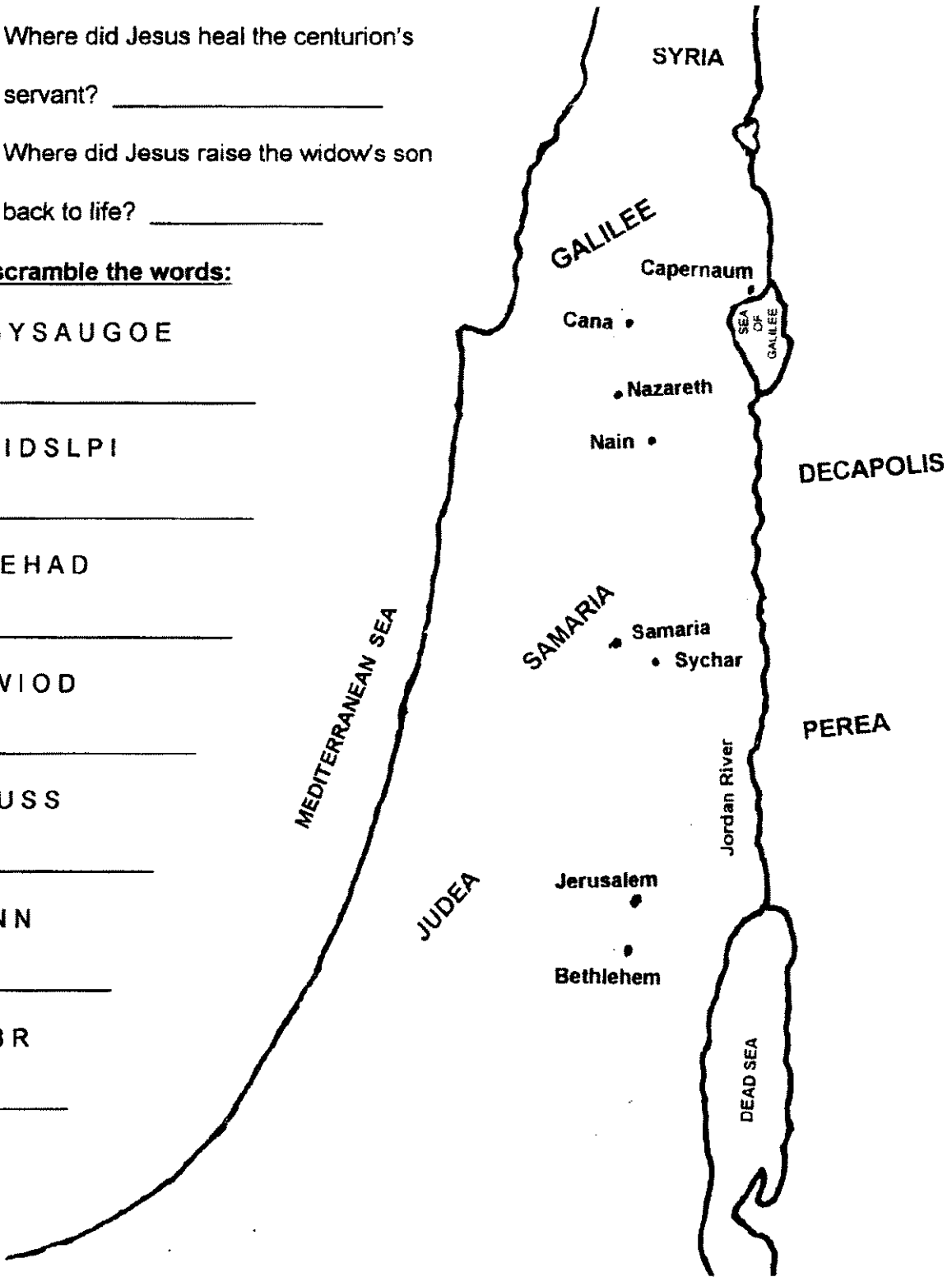
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Primary Worksheet # 5

**Look up Matthew 4:24-25:**  
**List the places people came from to follow Jesus and have their friends healed.**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Circle these places on the map.



Primary Worksheet # 6

Match the word in the first column with the explanation in the second column.

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|-------------|-------|--|
| Jesus       | _____ | platform on which they carried a dead person |
| Capernaum   | _____ | one who is to be buried                      |
| Nain        | _____ | Son of God                                   |
| widow       | _____ | where Jesus met a funeral procession         |
| bier        | _____ | woman whose husband has died                 |
| dead person | _____ | where Jesus healed the centurion's servant   |

**WORD SEARCH**

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- BIER
- BURY
- CLOTHS
- DEAD
- DIED
- DISCIPLES
- FUNERAL
- JESUS
- LINEN
- NAIN
- RAISED
- SON
- SPICES
- WIDOW
- WRAP



Primary Worksheet # 7

**List 5 incidents when Jesus healed someone:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



**List 3 people Jesus raised from the dead:**

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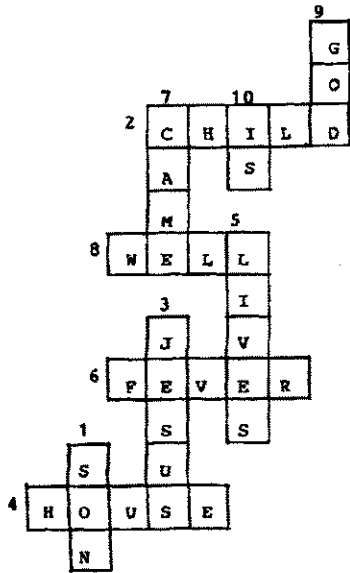
**How could Jesus defy sickness and death?**

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*Name 5 ways Jesus defied nature that we have studied this week:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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4. \_\_\_\_\_
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Primary Worksheet Answer Page  
Worksheet # 1



Worksheet # 3

- Nazareth
- Cana
- Capernaum
- Cana

Worksheet # 4

1. Where did Jesus heal the centurion's servant? Capernaum
2. Where did Jesus raise the widow's son back to life? Nain

Unscramble the words:

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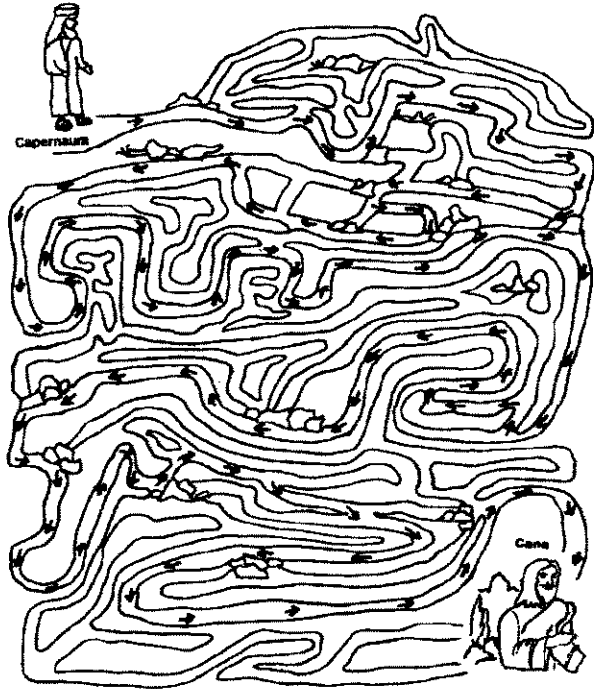
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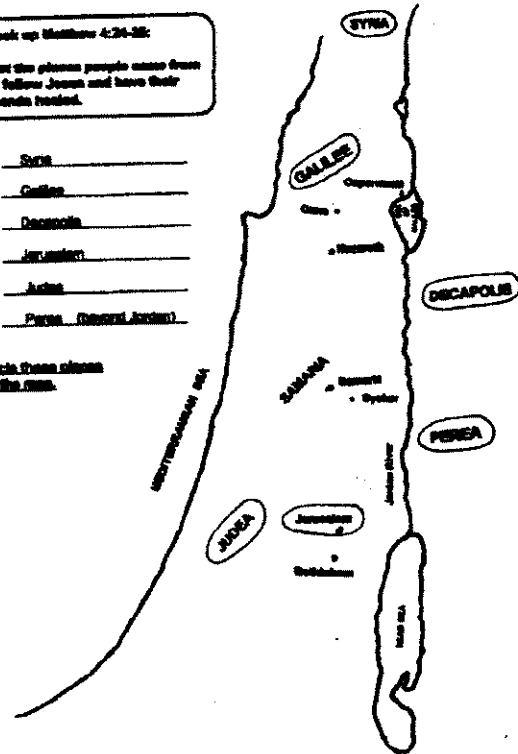


Worksheet # 5

Look up Matthew 4:24-28:  
List the places people came from to follow Jesus and have their demons freed.

1. Syria
2. Galilee
3. Decapolis
4. Jerusalem
5. Judea
6. Perea (across Jordan)

Circle these places on the map.



Match the word in the first column with the explanation in the second column.

Jesus	<u>                    </u>	platform on which they carried a dead person
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Nain	<u>                    </u>	Son of God
widow	<u>                    </u>	where Jesus met a funeral procession
bier	<u>                    </u>	woman whose husband has died
dead person	<u>                    </u>	where Jesus healed the centurion's servant

**WORD SEARCH**

A 13x13 grid of letters with words circled. The words are: BIER (row 1, col 4-7), BURY (row 2, col 2-5), CLOTHS (row 2, col 8-13), DEAD (row 3, col 2-5), DIED (row 3, col 8-11), DISCIPLES (row 3, col 12-13), FUNERAL (row 4, col 2-8), JESUS (row 4, col 10-13), LINEN (row 5, col 2-5), NAIN (row 5, col 8-11), RAISED (row 6, col 2-8), SON (row 6, col 10-13), SPICES (row 7, col 2-8), WIDOW (row 7, col 10-13), and WRAP (row 8, col 2-5).

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- List 5 incidents when Jesus healed someone:**
1. the nobleman's son
  2. Peter's mother-in-law
  3. 2 blind men by the roadside
  4. 4 men lowered their friend through the roof
  5. the man with the withered hand



- List 3 people Jesus raised from the dead:**
1. Jairus' daughter
  2. young man from Nain
  3. Lazarus

**How could Jesus defy sickness and death?**

He was God's Son so He had the power of God to do all things.

*Name 5 ways Jesus defied nature that we have studied this week:*

1. in His birth — He was born without an earthly father or a sin nature.
2. in food production — water into wine, multiplied the loaves and the fish
3. the elements of nature — He controlled the wind and the waves.
4. He had power over the evil spirits. He cast out devils.
5. He instantly healed sick people and raised the dead back to life.

## Primary Worksheet # 8

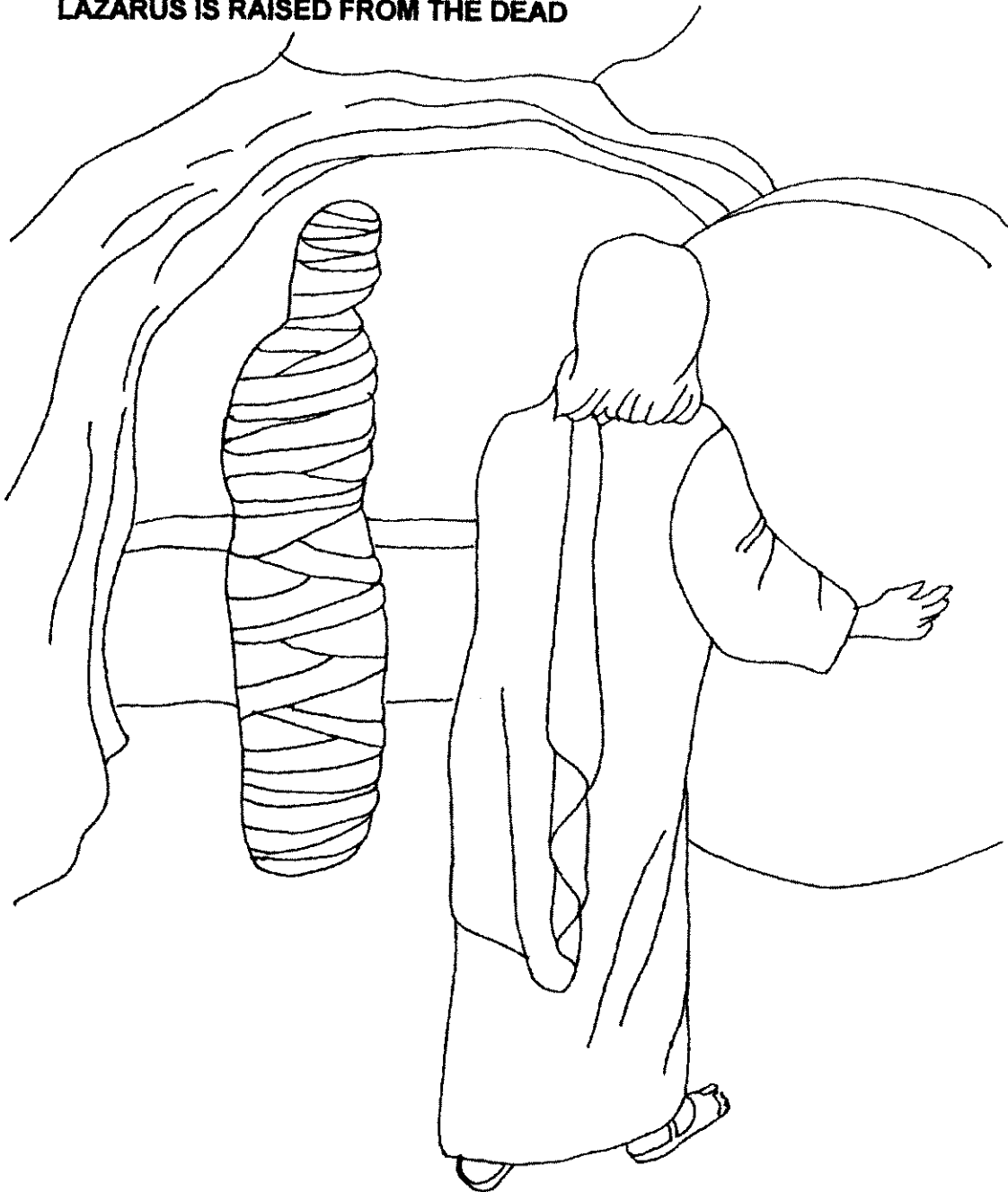


Jesus took the hand of the young girl who had died. He said to her: "Little girl, get up," and she got up and walked.



**Jesus said to the young man, "Arise", and he sat up and began to speak.**  
**Luke 7:11-15**

## Primary Worksheet # 10

**LAZARUS IS RAISED FROM THE DEAD**

**Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes. John 11:43-44**





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Cut 2" by 3 1/2" piece of flannel or felt for blanket.

