

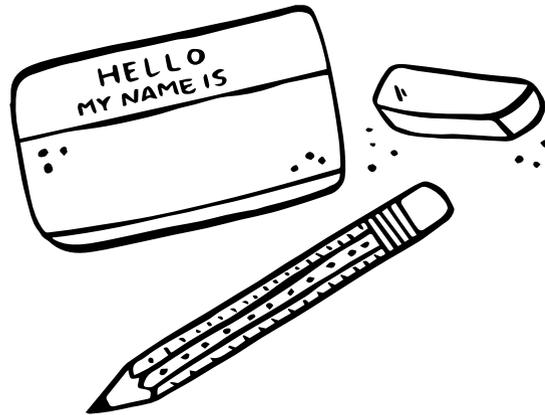


# KIDS READ MATTHEW

DAILY SCRIPTURE & ACTIVITY BOOK



KIDS READ TRUTH



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## WELCOME TO KIDS READ MATTHEW!

Hello!

Kids, this book was made with YOU in mind. We hope you enjoy reading passages right out of the book of Matthew.

Parents and friends, while this book was created primarily for kids ages 6-10, your involvement can make it beneficial for both younger and older kids as you help them read Scripture, complete activities, and interact with age-appropriate questions.

This book is designed to work two ways. It can be used on its own, or as a companion to [She Reads Truth](#) and [He Reads Truth](#). For example, if you are reading the Scripture passage in Day 1 of SRT/HRT Matthew, you will find a selection from that same passage in Day 1 of this book.

Kids Read Truth exists to equip children with biblical literacy. We love gathering the whole family around God's Word, and we hope you'll enjoy four weeks of built-in dinner conversation as you walk through Matthew's Gospel together.

Read on!

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## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Take a trip through the book of Matthew with Mr. Moose and his students! Your 4-week adventure will include a different passage from Matthew each day, plus a fun activity to go with it. Along the way you'll learn who Jesus is and what He did.

<p><b>DAY 12</b></p> <p><b>WHY JESUS SPOKE IN PARABLES</b></p> <p><b>MATTHEW 13: 10, 12, 13-17</b></p> <p>"Then the disciples came up and asked him, 'Why are you speaking to them in parables?'"</p> <p>"He answered, 'Because the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been given for you to know, but it has not been given to them.' For whoever has, more will be given to him, and he will have more than enough, but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him." That is why I speak to them in parables, because looking they do not see, and hearing they do not listen or understand."</p> <p>"Blessed are your eyes because they do see, and your ears because they do hear." For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see the things you see but didn't see them, to hear the things you hear but didn't hear them."</p> <p><small>© Child every "Look," "see," "listen," "hear." Why does Jesus use the parables in parables?</small></p>	<p><b>CONNECT THE DOTS</b></p> <p><small>Do you ever hear someone talking to you, but forget to listen or understand what they are saying? Jesus speaks in parables. He speaks to help us understand things. Connect the dots to help you learn. Reading them for fun? Connect the dots to complete the picture of Jesus.</small></p> 
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### DAILY SCRIPTURE

Read the verses and follow the instructions.

### DAILY ACTIVITIES

Follow the instructions to solve the puzzle.

<p><b>DAY 6</b></p> <p><b>GRACE DAY</b></p> <p><small>Write a prayer to God about your family.</small></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> 	<p>DATE _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> 
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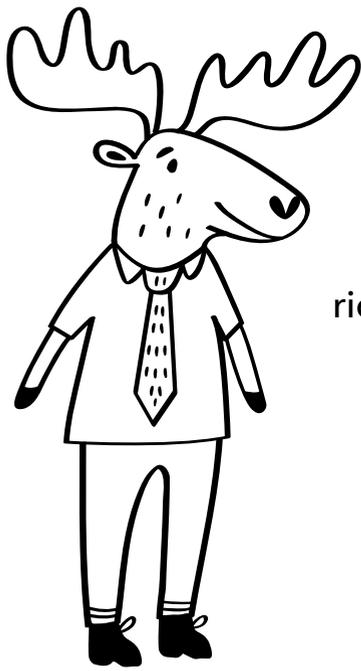
### GRACE DAY

Use these pages to write a prayer to God.

<p><b>DAY 7</b></p> <p><b>WEEKLY TRUTH</b></p> <p><small>The book of Matthew begins an introduction to the book of Matthew. It is the first of the four Gospels.</small></p> <p><b>"Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near."</b></p> <p><small>MATTHEW 3: 17</small></p> 	
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### WEEKLY TRUTH

Follow the class around the Sea of Galilee, memorizing each verse as you go.



MEET THE CLASS

Mr. Moose is taking his class on a boat ride around the Sea of Galilee. Come along!



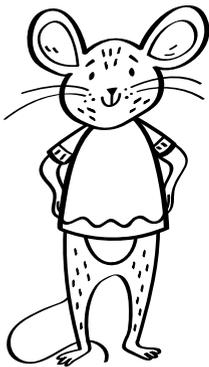
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Annie



Luca



Claire



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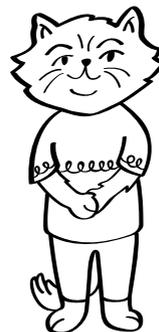
Carlos



Toby



Etta



Peter



Julian

DAY

1

## THE BIRTH OF JESUS

MATTHEW 1:21-23

<sup>21</sup> "She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup> Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel,

which is translated "God is with us."

► *In verse 21, draw a circle around what the angel says Jesus came to do. Use the space below to copy verse 21.*

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## THE NAME GAME

- ▶ Mr. Moose's class has a new student. Help us welcome him! **Using the class picture at the front of the book, fill in his name tag.**



- ▶ "Immanuel" is a name for Jesus. It means "God is with us." What is your name? **Fill in your own name tag.** If you want, ask an adult to help you look up what your name means and write it below.

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DAY

2

## JESUS IS BAPTIZED

MATTHEW 3:16-17; 4:23

<sup>16</sup> When Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water. The heavens suddenly opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased."

<sup>23</sup> Now Jesus began to go all over Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

► Use the space below to copy what God says about Jesus in verse 17.

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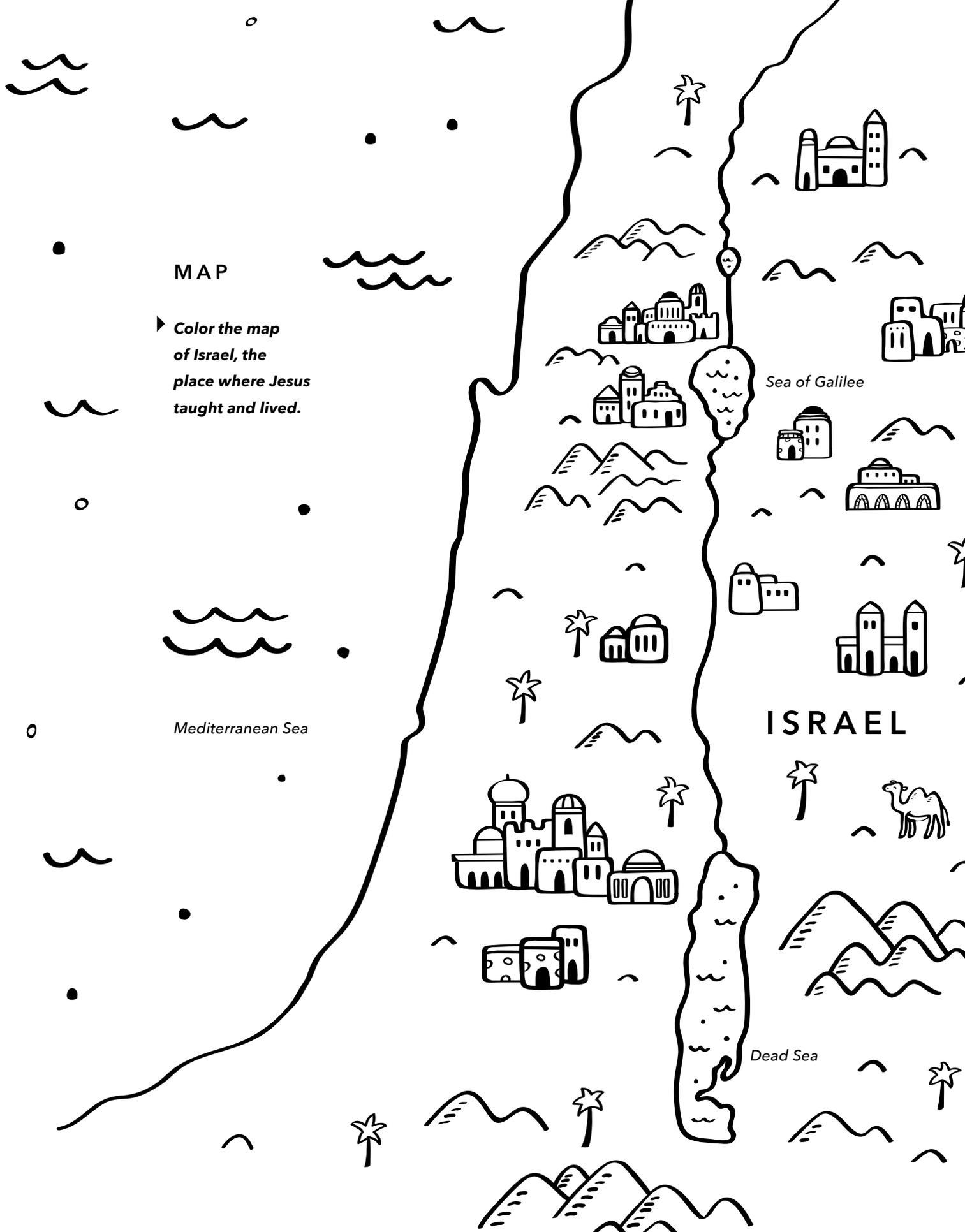
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MAP

► Color the map of Israel, the place where Jesus taught and lived.



Sea of Galilee

Mediterranean Sea

ISRAEL

Dead Sea

DAY

3

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

MATTHEW 5:43-48

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what are you doing out of the ordinary? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

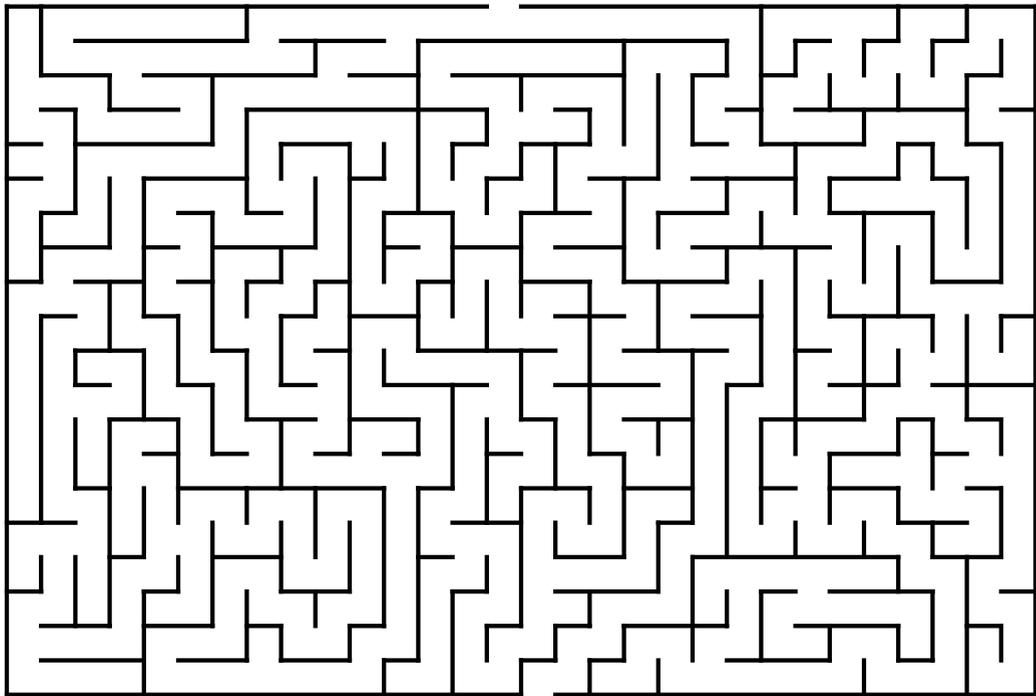
► *The word "persecute" means to hurt or pick on. What does Jesus say we should do for the people who pick on us?*



## MAZE

► *Jesus tells us to love our enemies and pray for people who are mean to us. Beatrice and Annie have not been getting along. **Help Beatrice find her way to Annie so she can obey Jesus's words and care for the person who is mean to her.***

START



FINISH



DAY

4

## ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

MATTHEW 7:7-12, 28-29

<sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Who among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

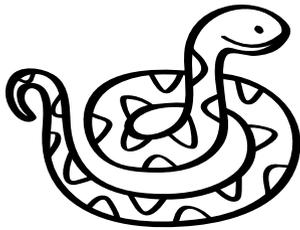
<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he was teaching them like one who had authority, and not like their scribes.

► *In this passage, the word "authority" means "in charge." The people were surprised that Jesus was talking like someone who was in charge of them. Who does Jesus have authority over? Is He in charge of you? Your parents?*

## WORD SEARCH



► Jesus tells the crowd to ask for good things because God the Father wants to give them good things. **Looking up, down, forward, backward, and diagonally, hunt for these 11 words from today's reading.**



ask	snake
seek	children
knock	good things
bread	Father
stone	others
fish	

A X U H B G K C T F W F N B O O L U  
 N V K Y T S P O L O Q E X F G U Y J  
 Y G C P N K L R V M O A E M O A P I  
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 U O C O K Y G K V H F R W M G H L M

DAY

5

## THE CENTURION'S FAITH

MATTHEW 8:5-13

<sup>5</sup> When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, pleading with him, <sup>6</sup> "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible agony." <sup>7</sup> He said to him, "Am I to come and heal him?"

<sup>8</sup> "Lord," the centurion replied, "I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I too am a man under authority, having soldiers under my command. I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this!' and he does it."

<sup>10</sup> Hearing this, Jesus was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with so great a faith. <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus told the centurion, "Go. As you have believed, let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that very moment."

► *In both of these stories, Jesus notices the faith of the people with Him. Who amazes Jesus with his "great faith"?*

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## JESUS CALMS THE STORM

MATTHEW 8:23-27

<sup>23</sup> As he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

<sup>24</sup> Suddenly, a violent storm arose on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves—but Jesus kept sleeping.

<sup>25</sup> So the disciples came and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to die!”

<sup>26</sup> He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

<sup>27</sup> The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the sea obey him!”



*Who does Jesus say has “little faith”?*

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*According to these two stories, who can we have “great faith” in?*

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## GRACE DAY

*Write a prayer to God about your family.*

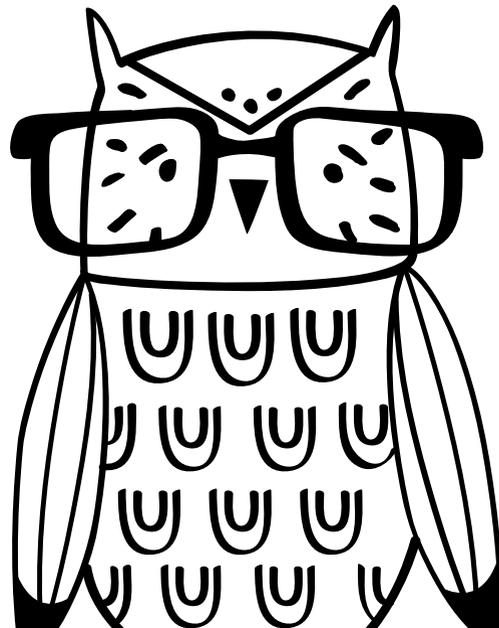
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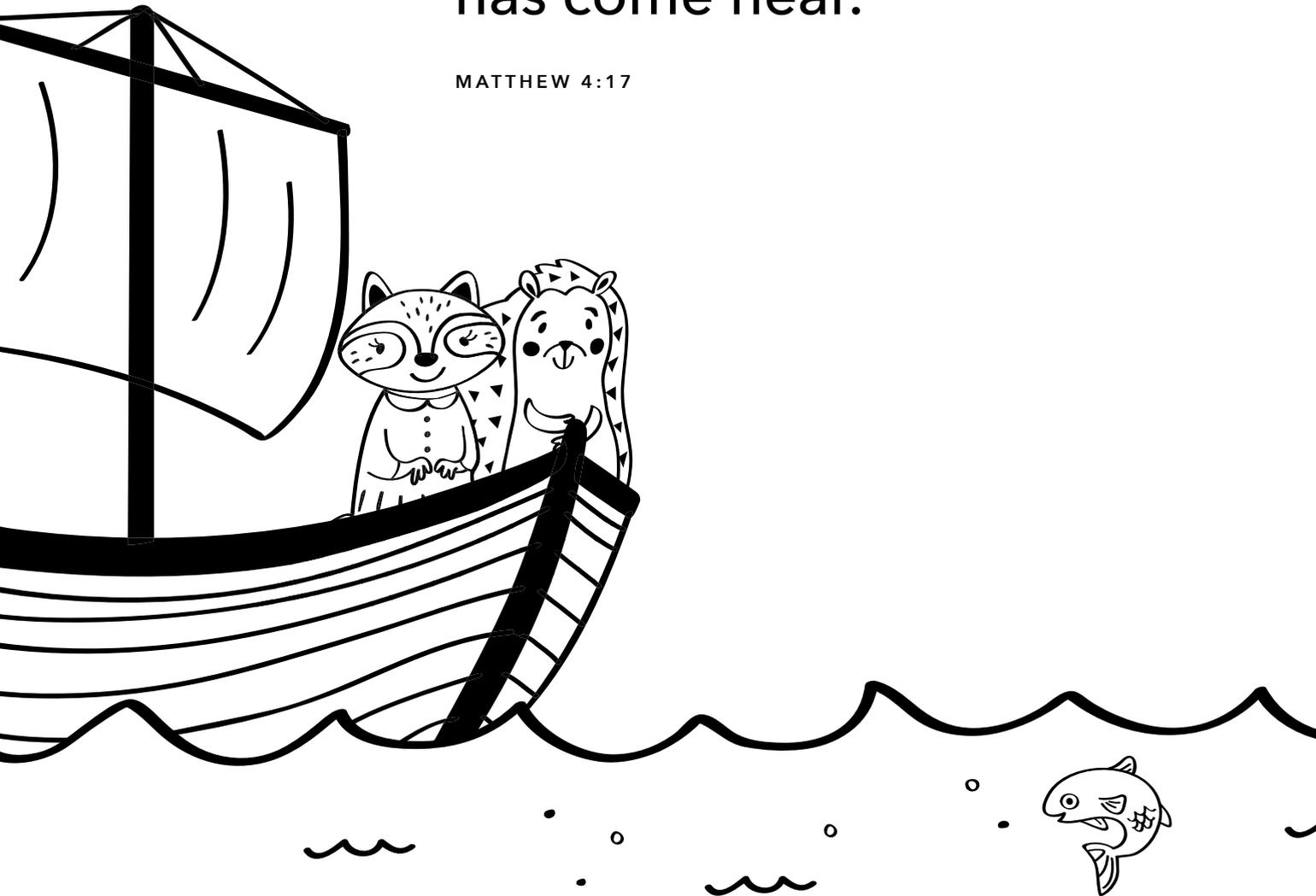
WEEKLY  
TRUTH

*The book of Matthew helps us understand who Jesus is. Matthew 4:17 tells us the main message Jesus taught. Let's memorize it together.*

*Each time you practice this memory verse, draw a fish in the Sea of Galilee on the next page.*

"Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near."

MATTHEW 4:17





DAY

8

## JESUS HEALS THE PARALYTIC

MATTHEW 9:1-8

<sup>1</sup> So he got into a boat, crossed over, and came to his own town. <sup>2</sup> Just then some men brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher. Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, "Have courage, son, your sins are forgiven."

<sup>3</sup> At this, some of the scribes said to themselves, "He's blaspheming!"

<sup>4</sup> Perceiving their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why are you thinking evil things in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? <sup>6</sup> But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—then he told the paralytic, "Get up, take your stretcher, and go home." <sup>7</sup> So he got up and went home. <sup>8</sup> When the crowds saw this, they were awestruck and gave glory to God, who had given such authority to men.

► *People respond differently to Jesus. Draw a box around the things Jesus told the paralyzed man to do. Circle the three different responses of the paralyzed man, the scribes, and the crowds.*

## WORD UNSCRAMBLE

- A "paralytic" is a person who cannot use their legs to walk. Imagine how thankful the man was when Jesus made his legs work again! **Unscramble these 8 words from the reading.**



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## JESUS SENDS OUT THE DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 10:1, 16, 26-31

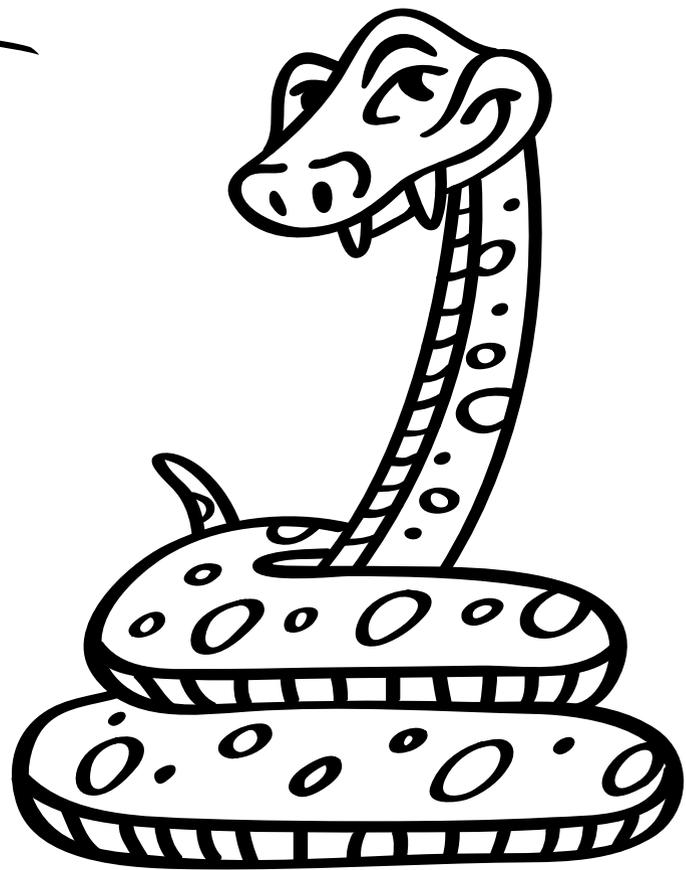
<sup>1</sup> Summoning his twelve disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, to drive them out and to heal every disease and sickness.

<sup>16</sup> "Look, I'm sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves."

<sup>26</sup> "Therefore, don't be afraid of them, since there is nothing covered that won't be uncovered and nothing hidden that won't be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the light. What you hear in a whisper, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Don't fear those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Aren't two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's consent. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head have all been counted. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

► *Circle all of the animals mentioned in today's reading. Jesus used animals to teach us about ourselves. Why do you think He did that?*

► *To be "shrewd" means to be wise. Jesus tells us to be shrewd like a serpent and innocent like a dove. Can you think of a time you needed to be shrewd or innocent?*



DAY

10

## JESUS OFFERS REST

MATTHEW 11:1, 28-30

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had finished giving instructions to his twelve disciples, he moved on from there to teach and preach in their towns.

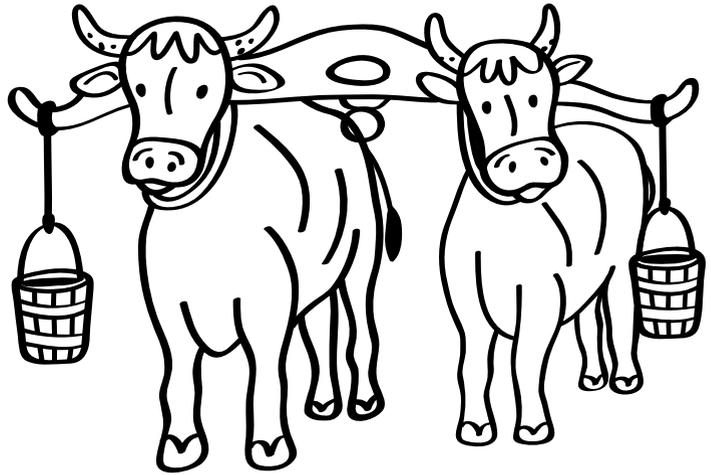
<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

► Use verses 28 and 29 to help you fill in the missing words.

" ..... to me, all of you who are  
..... and ....., and  
I will give you ..... Take up my  
..... and learn from me, because  
I am ..... and ..... in  
heart, and you will ..... rest for  
your ..... "

## WORD SEARCH

- In Bible times, a “yoke” was a board put on an animal’s neck to help it pull a load. In these verses, Jesus tells us that carrying His yoke (serving Him) actually gives us rest for our souls. **Looking up, down, forward, backward, and diagonally, hunt for the 10 missing words from today’s reading.**



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 V Z E N T Q V Q X O D O W Z W X B H  
 E R N Z H L F E O F P Q E K X L B S  
 J M C T V G I D Q X T E A D Y E R S  
 Y O K E Y S Q M C W B X R U U H H M  
 L P S Z W S Z Y V O G Y Y E G U L H  
 O Z X I O Y T Q E T M T U A N M I W  
 W N A U Q Y Q D D E N E D R U B G X  
 L S L B P I D P Y M S Z A R U L H N  
 Y S K G P V E A S Y A H L D Y E T Q  
 U S V Q Y K J Z X Z N N C E N S C F

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 weary  
 rest  
 yoke

lowly  
 humble  
 souls  
 easy

light  
 burdened

DAY

11

## A TREE AND ITS FRUIT

MATTHEW 12:33-37

<sup>33</sup> "Either make the tree good and its fruit will be good, or make the tree bad and its fruit will be bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. <sup>34</sup> Brood of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil? For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart. <sup>35</sup> A good person produces good things from his storeroom of good, and an evil person produces evil things from his storeroom of evil. <sup>36</sup> I tell you that on the day of judgment people will have to account for every careless word they speak. <sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

► *Using crayons or colored pencils, mark the word "good" with one color, and mark the words "bad" and "evil" with another. Use the space below to copy verse 36.*

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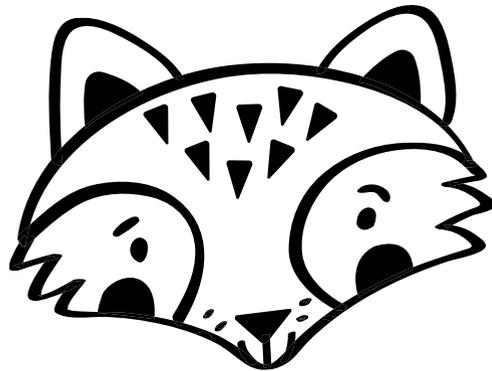
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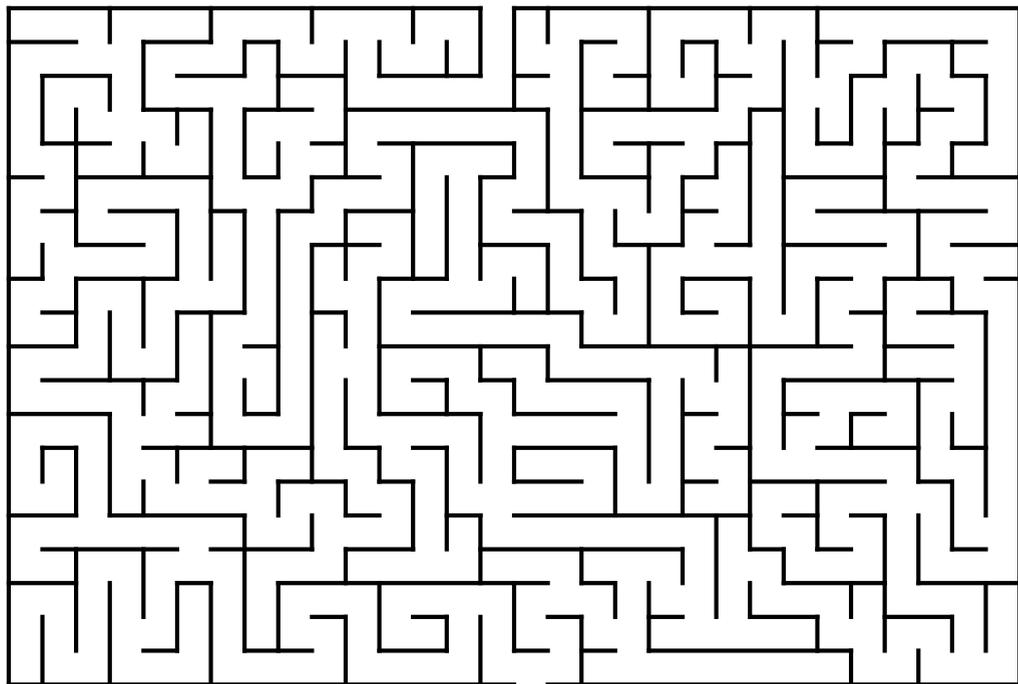
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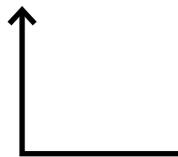
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## MAZE

- ▶ *Jesus tells us our mouths say what our hearts are feeling. Carlos is feeling grateful to Luca for being such a kind friend. Find a path from Carlos's heart to his mouth in the maze above.*

START



DAY

12

## WHY JESUS SPOKE IN PARABLES

MATTHEW 13:10-13, 16-17

<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples came up and asked him, "Why are you speaking to them in parables?"

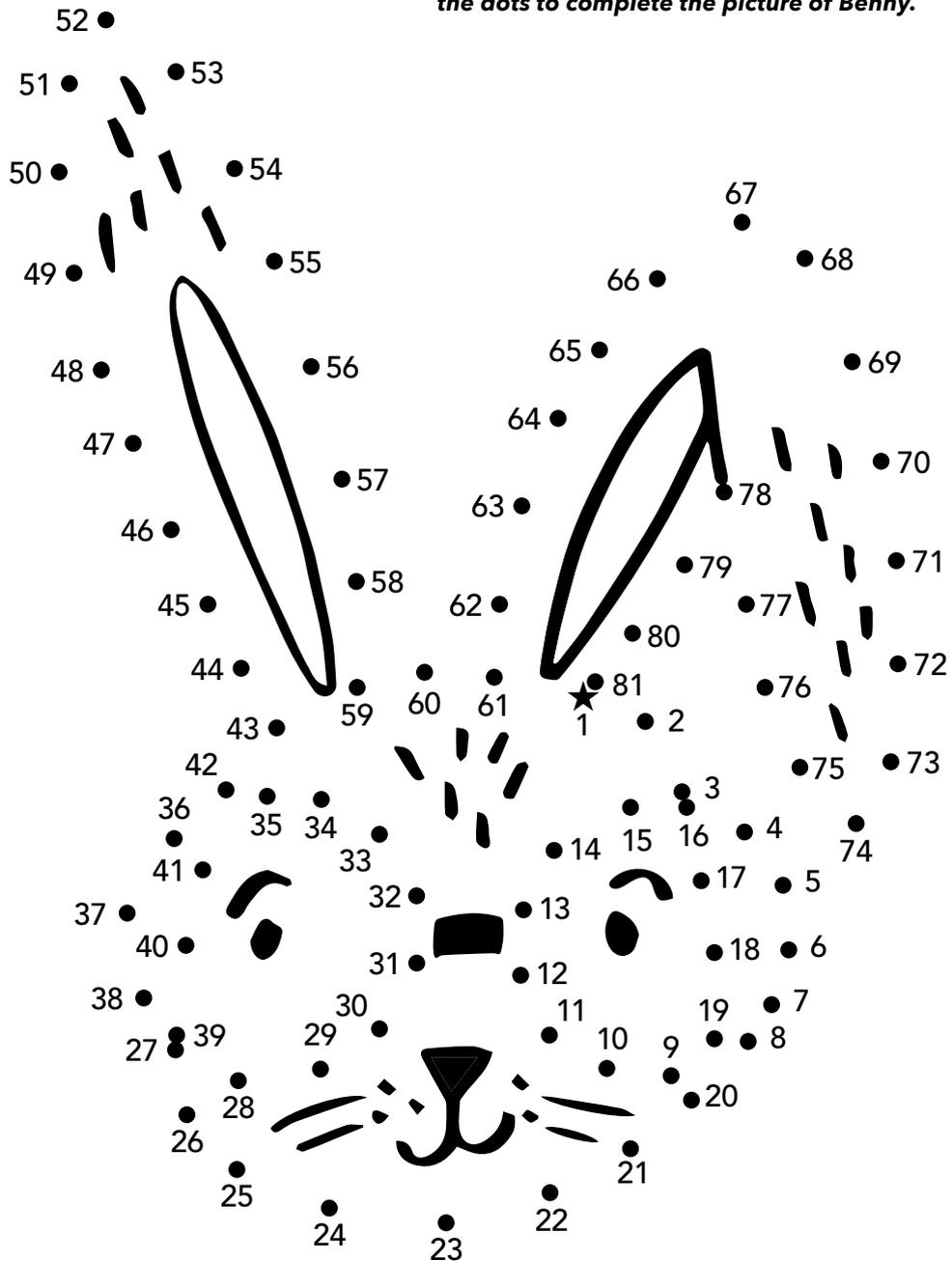
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► Circle every "look," "see," "listen," and "hear." Why does Jesus say He speaks in parables?

## CONNECT THE DOTS

► Do you ever hear someone talking to you, but forget to listen to what they're saying? When Jesus spoke in parables, His disciples had to listen closely to connect the story to its lesson. **Counting from 1 to 81, connect the dots to complete the picture of Benny.**



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13

GRACE DAY

*Fill in the blanks to write a prayer to God.*

Dear God,

You are .....

Thank you for .....

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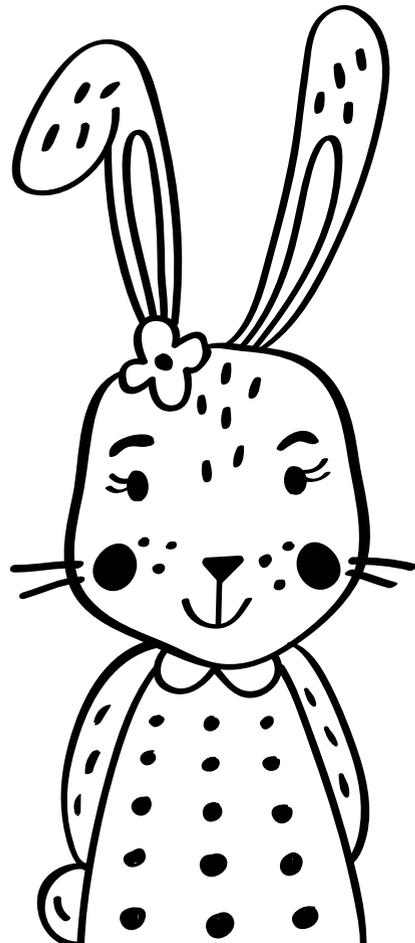


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Please .....

Help me to .....

Amen.



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14

WEEKLY  
TRUTH

*The book of Matthew helps us understand who Jesus is. Matthew 9:13 tells us who Jesus came to save. Let's memorize it together.*

*Each time you practice this memory verse, draw a boat on the Sea of Galilee on the next page.*

"I didn't come to  
call the righteous,  
but sinners."

MATTHEW 9:13





DAY

15

## JESUS WALKS ON WATER

MATTHEW 14:22-32

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> After dismissing the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Well into the night, he was there alone.

<sup>24</sup> Meanwhile, the boat was already some distance from land, battered by the waves, because the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> Jesus came toward them walking on the sea very early in the morning. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and they cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup> Immediately Jesus spoke to them. "Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter answered him, "command me to come to you on the water."

PRAYER

Dear God, Sometimes I am afraid of

..... •

<sup>29</sup> He said, "Come."

And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> Then those in the boat worshiped him and said, "Truly you are the Son of God."

- Circle the part of the story where Peter walks on water.
- Draw a box around the part of the story where Peter begins to sink.
- ∩ Draw a zigzag line underneath what happens in between. What causes Peter to sink?
- Underline what Jesus did when Peter called out to Him for help.
- ∩ Draw a squiggly line under the very last sentence.



Please help me remember to  
trust you when I feel afraid.

DAY

16

## JESUS FEEDS THE FOUR THOUSAND

MATTHEW 15:32-38

<sup>32</sup> Jesus called his disciples and said, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they've already stayed with me three days and have nothing to eat.

I don't want to send them away hungry, otherwise they might collapse on the way."

<sup>33</sup> The disciples said to him, "Where could we get enough bread in this desolate place to feed such a crowd?"

<sup>34</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked them.

"Seven," they said, "and a few small fish."

<sup>35</sup> After commanding the crowd to sit down on the ground, <sup>36</sup> he took the seven loaves and the fish, gave thanks, broke them, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>37</sup> They all ate and were satisfied. They collected the leftover pieces—seven large baskets full.

<sup>38</sup> Now there were four thousand men who had eaten, besides women and children.

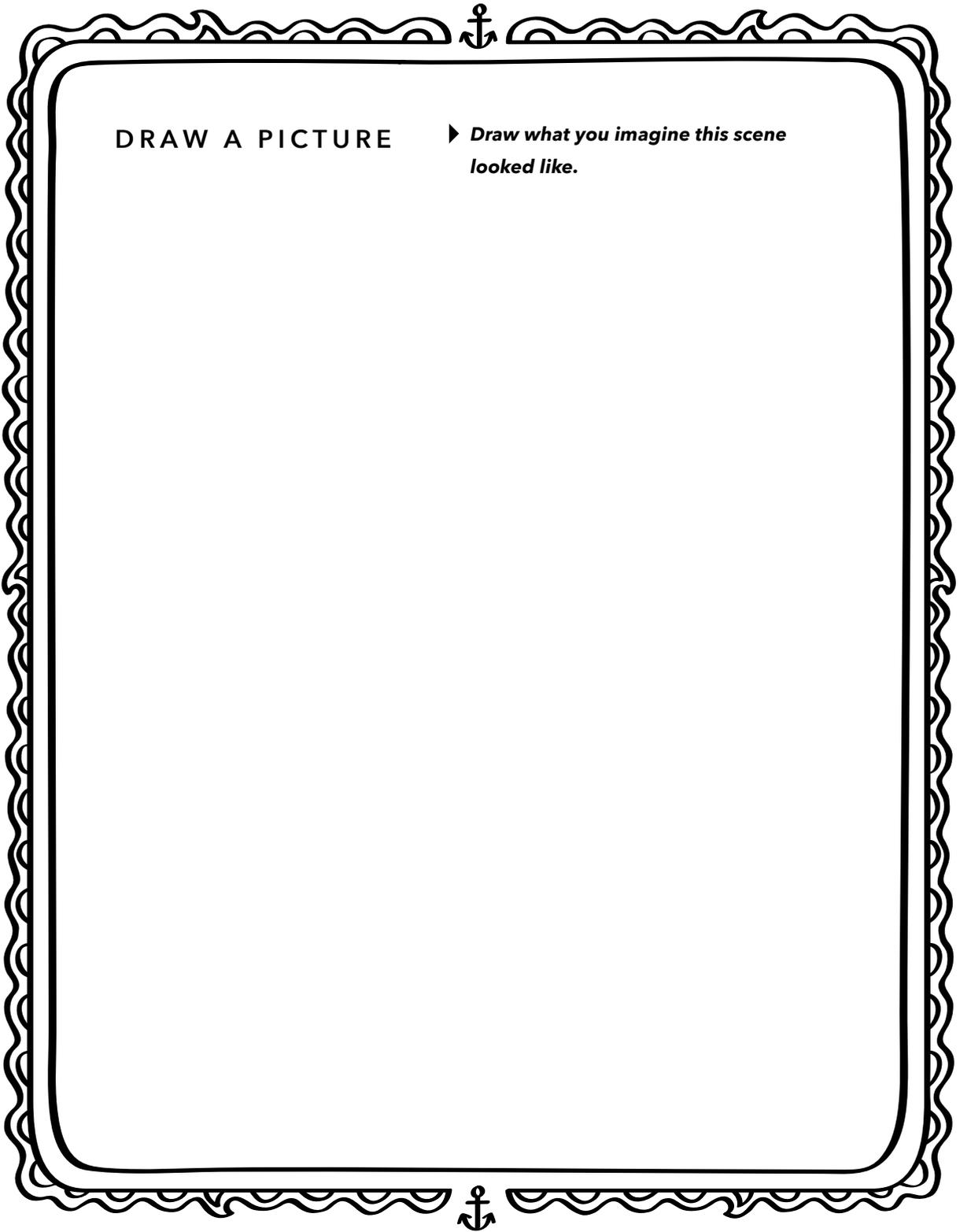
► **Read the questions below. Find the number answers in the reading and circle them.**

*How many days was the crowd with Jesus?*

*How many loaves did Jesus start with?*

*How many baskets were left over after everyone ate?*

*How many men did Jesus feed?*



**DRAW A PICTURE**

▶ *Draw what you imagine this scene looked like.*

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## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

MATTHEW 18:1-5, 12-14

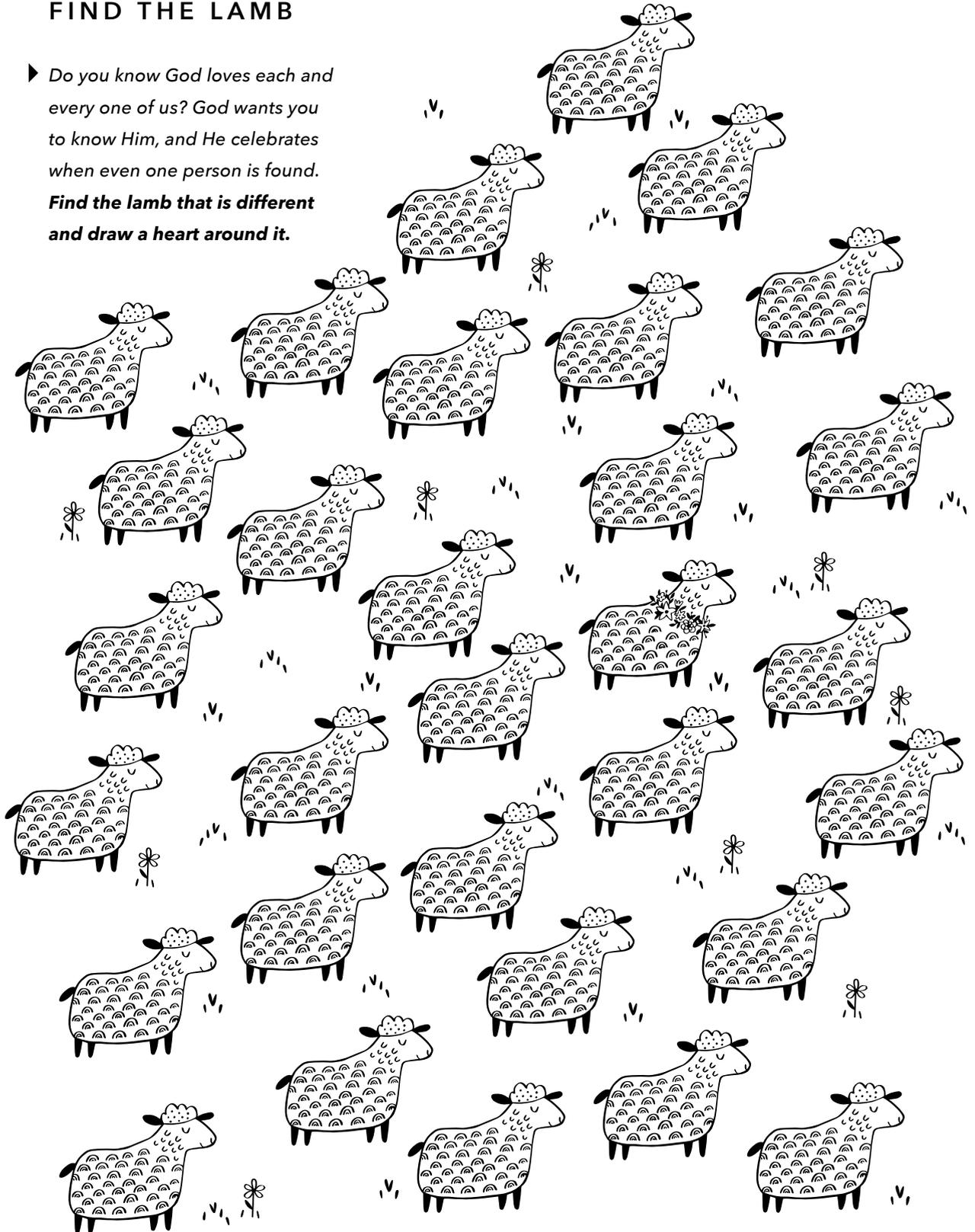
<sup>1</sup> At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "So who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup> He called a child and had him stand among them. <sup>3</sup> "Truly I tell you," he said, "unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child—this one is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And whoever welcomes one child like this in my name welcomes me."

<sup>12</sup> "What do you think? If someone has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, won't he leave the ninety-nine on the hillside and go and search for the stray? <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over that sheep more than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. <sup>14</sup> In the same way, it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones perish."

► *Circle all of the times you see the words "child" and "children" in today's reading. Why do you think Jesus tells adults to become like children?*

## FIND THE LAMB

► Do you know God loves each and every one of us? God wants you to know Him, and He celebrates when even one person is found. **Find the lamb that is different and draw a heart around it.**



DAY

18

## TWO BLIND MEN HEALED

MATTHEW 20:29-34

<sup>29</sup> As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. <sup>30</sup> There were two blind men sitting by the road. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" <sup>31</sup> The crowd demanded that they keep quiet, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

<sup>32</sup> Jesus stopped, called them, and said, "What do you want me to do for you?"

<sup>33</sup> "Lord," they said to him, "open our eyes." <sup>34</sup> Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they could see, and they followed him.

► Use the space below to copy verse 34.

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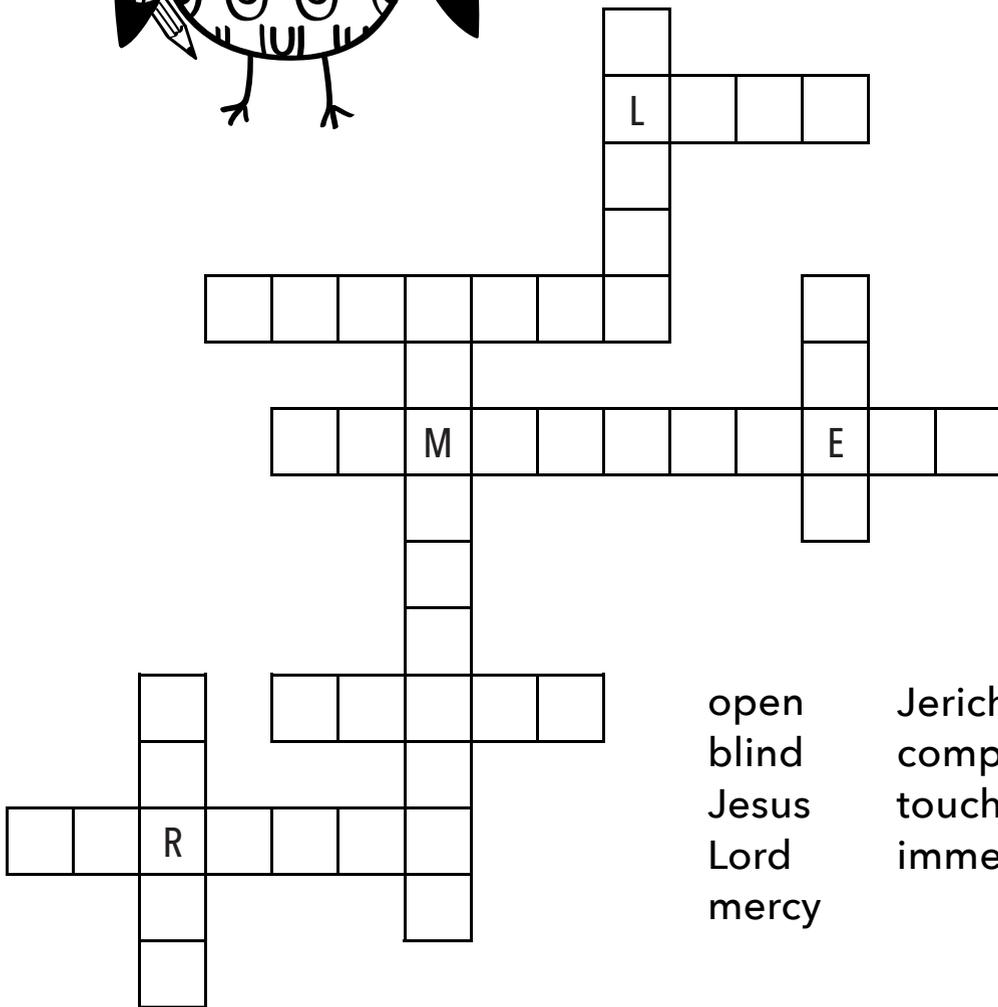
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

► The word "compassion" means to care about how another person feels. These verses say Jesus had compassion on the two blind men. He cared that they couldn't see. Do you know what it feels like to have compassion like Jesus? **Using your detective skills and the letter clues, find where each of the words belong in the puzzle below.**



open  
blind  
Jesus  
Lord  
mercy

Jericho  
compassion  
touched  
immediately

DAY

19

## CLEANSING THE TEMPLE

MATTHEW 21:12-17

<sup>12</sup> Jesus went into the temple and threw out all those buying and selling. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, my house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of thieves!"

### CHILDREN PRAISE JESUS

<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonders that he did and the children shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant <sup>16</sup> and said to him, "Do you hear what these children are saying?"

Jesus replied, "Yes, have you never read:

You have prepared praise  
from the mouths of infants  
and nursing babies?"

<sup>17</sup> Then he left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

► *The chief priests were "indignant" when they saw Jesus healing people and children praising Him. This means they were surprised and mad. It's hard to understand why someone would be mad about such wonderful things, but they did not understand that Jesus was God's Son. Use a crayon or colored pencil to circle what the children shouted in the temple.*



## MAKE A LIST

- ▶ *The children shouted praises to celebrate what Jesus had done. Use the space below to write your own list of praises to Jesus.*

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GRACE DAY

*Write a prayer to God about something that is important to you.*

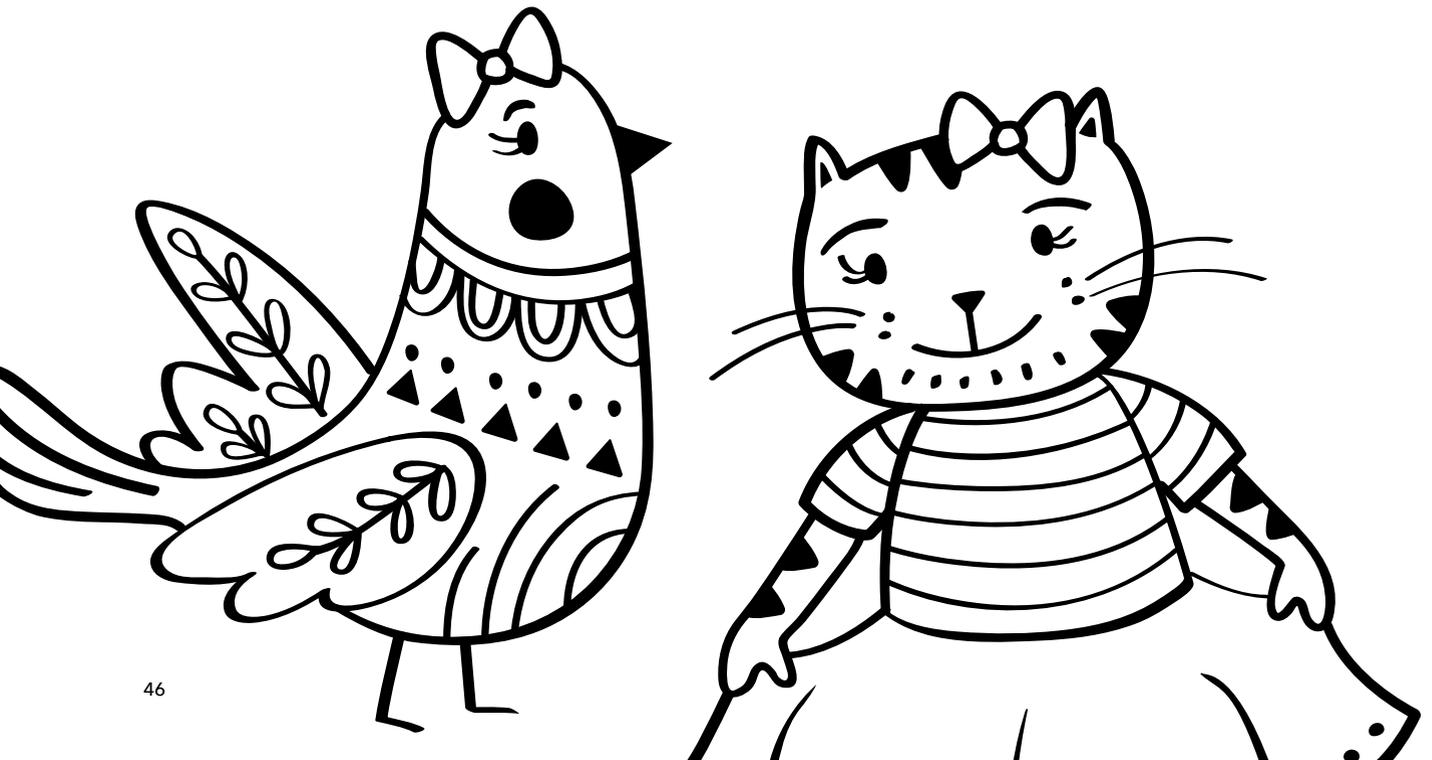
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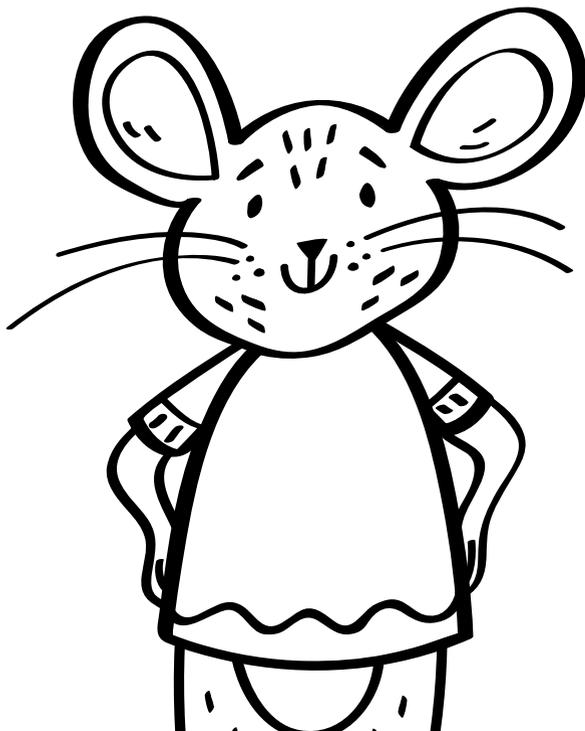
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WEEKLY  
TRUTH

*The book of Matthew helps us understand who Jesus is. Matthew 20:28 tells us why Jesus came. Let's memorize it together.*

*Each time you practice this memory verse, draw a fish in the Sea of Galilee on the next page.*

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

MATTHEW 20:28





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## THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

MATTHEW 22:34-40

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. <sup>35</sup> And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?"

<sup>37</sup> He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and most important command. <sup>39</sup> The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

► *The Pharisees wanted to know which law was most important. Write the number 1 next to the command Jesus said was most important. Write the number 2 next to the command Jesus said was the second most important.*



► Write the greatest commandment (from verse 37) in this space.

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► Write the second greatest commandment (from verse 39) here.

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## WOE TO YOU!

MATTHEW 23:23-26

<sup>23</sup> "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You pay a tenth of mint, dill, and cumin, and yet you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy, and faithfulness. These things should have been done without neglecting the others. <sup>24</sup> Blind guides! You strain out a gnat, but gulp down a camel!

<sup>25</sup> "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup> Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside of it may also become clean."

► *Jesus is telling the Pharisees that they care about the wrong things. Draw a line through the things the Pharisees care about, and draw a circle around the three "more important matters of the law."*



**DRAW A PICTURE**

▶ *Jesus cares about who we really are in our hearts, not about how we look on the outside. **Draw two cups: one that is dirty on the inside, and one that is dirty on the outside. Which one do you want to use?***

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24

## THE LEAST OF THESE

MATTHEW 25:35-40

<sup>35</sup> "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me.'

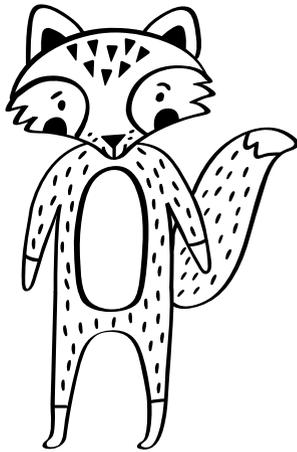
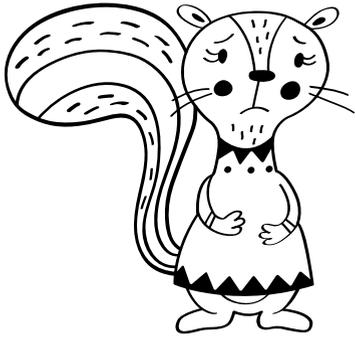
<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?'

<sup>40</sup> "And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

► *In verses 35 and 36, circle the words that describe a need. Draw a squiggly line under what met the need.*

# MATCHING GAME

► Jesus tells us that whenever we meet someone's needs, it's like we are caring for Him. **Using clues from today's reading, match each need below with the person who needs it.**



## NEED



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## JESUS IS ARRESTED

MATTHEW 26:36, 39, 45-46, 59-60

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he told the disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

<sup>39</sup> Going a little farther, he fell facedown and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

<sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? See, the time is near. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Get up; let's go. See, my betrayer is near."

<sup>59</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they could not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward.

► Copy Jesus's prayer from verse 39 and talk to an adult about what it means.

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► Take turns reading these verses out loud with an adult.

## JESUS'S DEATH AND BURIAL

MATTHEW 27:31, 46, 50-51, 54, 59-61

<sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "*Elí, Elí, lemá sabachtháni?*" that is, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

<sup>50</sup> But Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up his spirit. <sup>51</sup> Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth quaked, and the rocks were split.

<sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

<sup>59</sup> So Joseph [of Arimathea] took the body, wrapped it in clean, fine linen, <sup>60</sup> and placed it in his new tomb, which he had cut into the rock. He left after rolling a great stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were seated there, facing the tomb.

## RESURRECTION MORNING

MATTHEW 28:1-9

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to view the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, because an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and approached the tomb. He rolled back the stone and was sitting on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow.

<sup>4</sup> The guards were so shaken by fear of him that they became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here. For he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there.' Listen, I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> So, departing quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell his disciples the news. <sup>9</sup> Just then Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" They came up, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.



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GRACE DAY

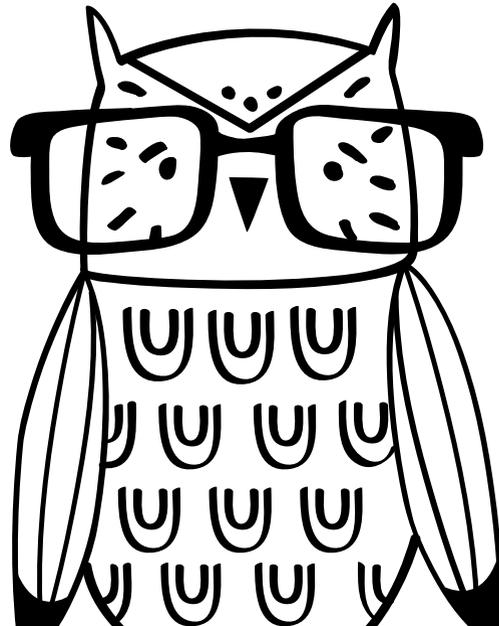
*Fill in the blanks to write a prayer to God.*

Dear God,

You are .....

Thank you for .....

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Please .....

Help me to .....

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Amen.



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28

WEEKLY  
TRUTH

*The book of Matthew helps us understand who Jesus is. Matthew 28:6 tells us that Jesus rose from the dead. Let's memorize it together.*

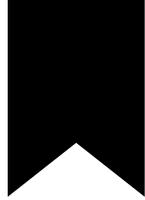
*Each time you practice this memory verse, draw a boat on the Sea of Galilee on the next page.*

He is not here.  
For he has risen,  
just as he said.

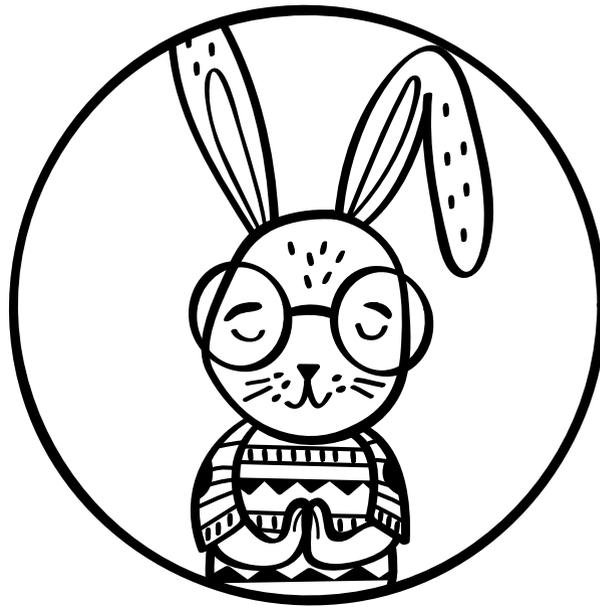
MATTHEW 28:6







RESPONSE



If you confess with your mouth,  
"Jesus is Lord," and believe in  
your heart that God raised him  
from the dead, you will be saved.

ROMANS 10:9





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Psalm 117:1



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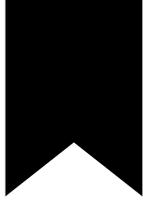
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TIME CAPSULE

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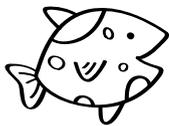
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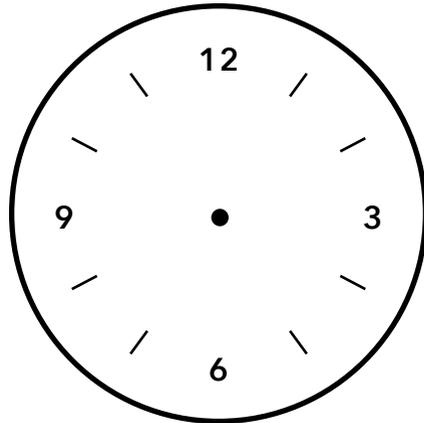
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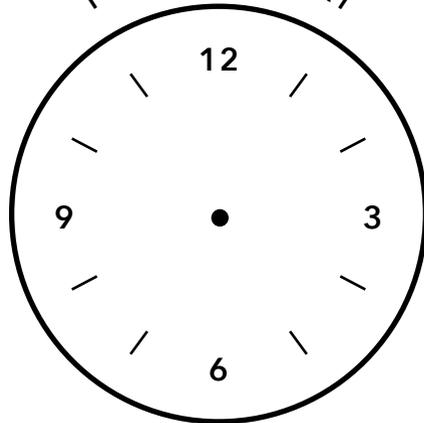
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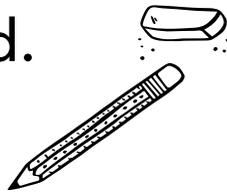
► *What did this book teach me about Jesus?*

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**Trace your hand.**

*(Add a watch or paint your nails!)*



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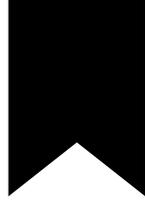
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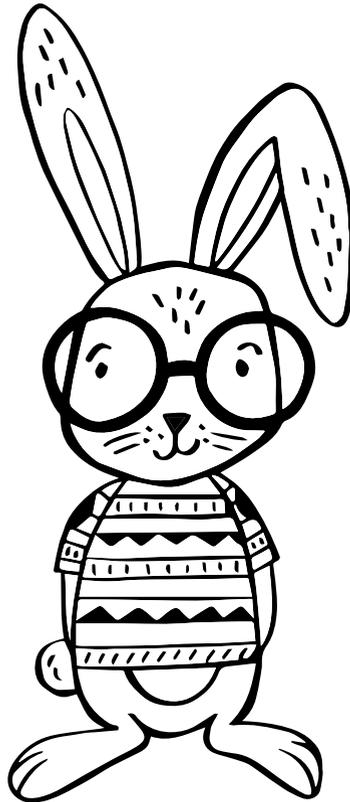


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**BENNYDICTION**



<sup>18</sup> "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:18-20