

## Story 16

### Jesus calls the first disciples

#### God is Lord and King

Jesus was teaching on the shore of the lake.

The people wanted to hear Him, so they pushed closer and closer.

Jesus saw two boats pulled up on the beach.

The fishermen had left them and they were washing their nets.

Jesus spoke to one of the fishermen.

“Simon,” He said, “Please push your boat out a little way from the shore and let me sit in it.”

Simon did this and Jesus sat in the boat.

He taught the crowd of people sitting on the shore.

When He had finished speaking He said,

“Simon! Push your boat out into the deep water. You and your friends can let your nets down for a catch.”

“Master,” said Simon, “we worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the nets.”

So they rowed the boat out into deep water and let down the nets. They caught so many fish that the nets were about to break.

“Come!” They called to some men in another boat.

“Please come and help us!”  
Soon both boats were so full of fish that they were about to sink. Simon Peter was afraid. He fell down at Jesus’ feet.

“O Lord, go away from me, for I am a sinful man,” he said.

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid. From now on, Simon Peter, you and James and John will be catching men.”

The fishermen brought their boats to land.

They left everything and they followed Jesus.



**Story 16 Jesus calls the first disciples**  
**Activities**

1. Where was Jesus preaching?

Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why did Jesus need to move away from the people?

The people \_\_\_\_\_

3. Where did Jesus go?

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

4. What did Jesus tell Simon to do?

Jesus told \_\_\_\_\_

5. What did the fishermen catch?

The fishermen \_\_\_\_\_

6. What did Jesus say the men would catch now?

Jesus said \_\_\_\_\_

## Story 17

### Jesus feeds five thousand people

#### God is Provider / God is a Servant

The disciples looked at Jesus. He looked very tired.

“Jesus, you have healed many people. You must be so tired and hungry. Send the people away to get some food.”

But Jesus said, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

“But Jesus,” they said, “we have only five loaves of bread and two small fish. That will never feed all these people.”

“Bring me what you have,” said Jesus. Jesus turned and spoke to the crowd of people.

“Will you all please sit down on the grass,”

They sat down in groups as Jesus told them to. Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and prayed to His Father God.

He blessed the food.

He broke the loaves.....

and He broke the loaves.....

and He broke the loaves.....

and He broke the fish.....

and He broke the fish.....

All the people had plenty of food to eat.  
There were twelve baskets of scraps left.  
The disciples picked them up and left the  
grass clean and tidy.  
There were five thousand men there with  
their women and children. They all had  
enough food to eat.



## Story 17 Jesus feeds 5000 people Activities

### Activity 1

Draw 5 men.  
Draw 1 fish under each man.  
How many fish for each man?  
Each man would get \_\_\_\_ fish.

### Activity 2

Draw 10 men standing in twos.  
Draw 1 fish for each pair.  
How many fish would each man get?  
Each man would get \_\_\_\_ a fish.

### Activity 3

Draw three circles.  
Draw five men in each circle.  
How many men are there?  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ men.

### Activity 4

Draw five circles.  
Draw three fish in each circle.  
How many fish do you see?  
I see \_\_\_\_\_ fish.

**Story 18**  
**The Good Samaritan**  
**God is a servant**

“Help! Help! Please help me!”

A man lay at the side of the road. Some bad men had hit him. They stole his money and his bag of things. They left him nearly dead. Now he could hear footsteps. Some-one was coming.

He thought to himself, “If I call out they will come and help me.”

He called again, “Help me, please.”

A priest came by. He looked at the poor man. Then he quickly walked to the other side of the road. He did not help the man. He left him by the road.

Then he could hear more footsteps.

“Help me!” he called. “Help me, please!”  
A Levite came by. He looked at the poor man. But he did not help him. He went past on the other side of the road.

Clip-clop; clip-clop.

“I hear some-one coming,” the man said to him-self. “Help me! Help me!” he called.

The donkey stood still. The poor man looked at the man on the donkey. He was a Samaritan.

“He won’t help me,” the poor man said to himself. My people are not good friends with Samaritans.”

But the Samaritan got down off his donkey. He came to the poor man.

“Oh, you poor man,” he said. “Some-one hit you. Someone robbed you. I will help you.”

He got oil and wine out of his bag.  
“Here, I have oil and wine. I will put them  
on the cuts. That will make them better.”

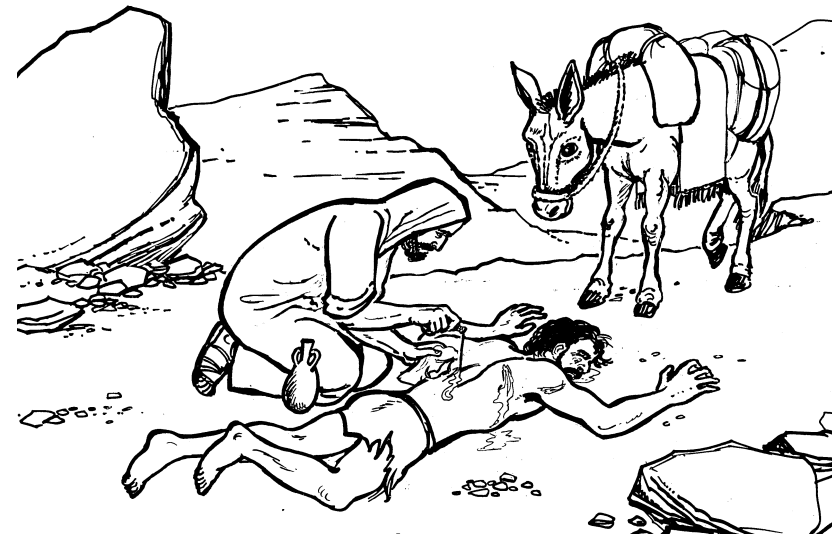
The Samaritan put the man on his  
donkey.  
“I will take you to the inn down the road.  
You can rest there until you are better.”

The Samaritan walked the donkey to the  
inn with the man on its back.  
“Good morning Mr. Inn-keeper. Can you  
give us beds for the night? This man  
needs to rest. Some bad men hit him and  
robbed him.”

Next day the Samaritan spoke to the inn-  
keeper.  
“I must go now. Here is money for food  
and a bed for this man. I will come back

soon and give you more money if you  
need it.”

The Samaritan said ‘Goodbye’ to the  
man. “God will take care of you,” he said  
as he went on his way.





## Story 18 The Good Samaritan Activities

1. A priest was the first to pass by the hurt man. What is a priest?

A priest is

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2. Did the priest help?

3. A Levite was the second to come by. What is a Levite?

A Levite is

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4. Did the Levite help?

5. The man on the donkey was the third person to pass by. He was a Samaritan. What is a Samaritan? A Samaritan is

6. How did the Samaritan help?  
He \_\_\_\_\_

Read this story and draw four pictures to tell the story.

“Mum! I felt like the Good Samaritan today!”

“Why Dan?” asked Mum

“Well, Tom and I were walking along the street. We saw a man fall off his bike. A few people passed by. They didn’t help him. When Tom and I got there we saw he was hurt. Tom sat by him and I ran to the shop. The shop-keeper was very kind. He called the ambulance.

I ran back to the man. Tom and I stayed with him till the ambulance came. The ambulance men helped him and drove him to the hospital.”

“Dan,” said Mum, “I am so glad that you help people, for that is what Jesus said we must do,”

**Story 19**  
**Jesus heals a lame man**  
**God is Healer / God is Merciful**

Jesus loves us. He is sad if we get sick. He loves to make people well again.

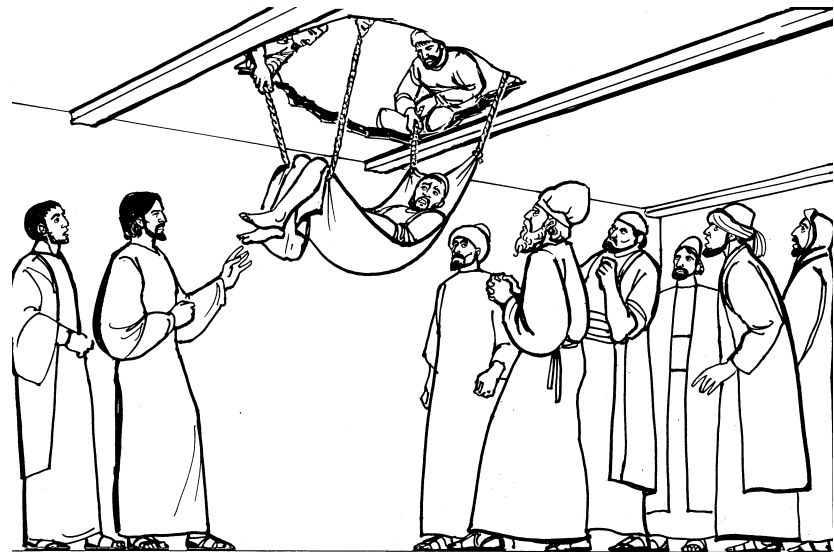
Once there was a man who could not walk. His bed was a mat. He lay all day on his mat. The man had four friends. They wanted Jesus to heal the man. Jesus was in a house teaching and healing the people.

A crowd of people was outside the house. They stopped the friends from getting inside. So the men got up on the roof and made a big hole in it. The men held the man's mat and let him down through the hole in the roof.

Jesus said to him, "I forgive you your sins. Stand up, pick up your mat and go home."

The man stood up by himself. He was not lame any more. Jesus had healed him.

Many people saw he was healed. They praised God for all that Jesus had done.



**Story 19 Jesus heals a lame man**  
**Activities**

1. What was wrong with the man?

He \_\_\_\_\_

2. How did his bed get into the room where Jesus was?

Some men \_\_\_\_\_

3. Jesus said two things to the man:

He said, "Your sins \_\_\_\_\_"

He said, Take \_\_\_\_\_"

4. Many people were watching the miracle.  
What did they do?

They \_\_\_\_\_

5. If a person cannot walk today, they can use crutches or a wheel-chair. How could you help someone who cannot walk?

## Story 20

# Jesus stills the storm

## God is Lord and King

Jesus had been busy with the crowd all day. He taught them about Father God. He healed the sick people, gave sight to blind people. Lame people could walk when Jesus prayed for them.

But now it was evening and He was very tired.

“Let us go across to the other side of the lake,” He said.

He climbed into the boat with the disciples. He was so tired He soon went fast asleep.

Suddenly the wind began to blow. It blew harder and harder. The waves grew higher and higher until they began to spill over into the boat.

The disciples were so afraid.

“What shall we do?” they shouted.

“Come, let us wake Jesus! How could He sleep in such a storm?”

They called out to Him and woke Him.

“Jesus!” they cried, “Don’t you care that we are nearly drowned? Please help us. Please wake up.”

Jesus opened His eyes. “Save us Lord,” they cried, “We are going to die.”

“Why are you so frightened?” asked Jesus. “What little faith you have.”

Jesus stood up in the rocking boat.

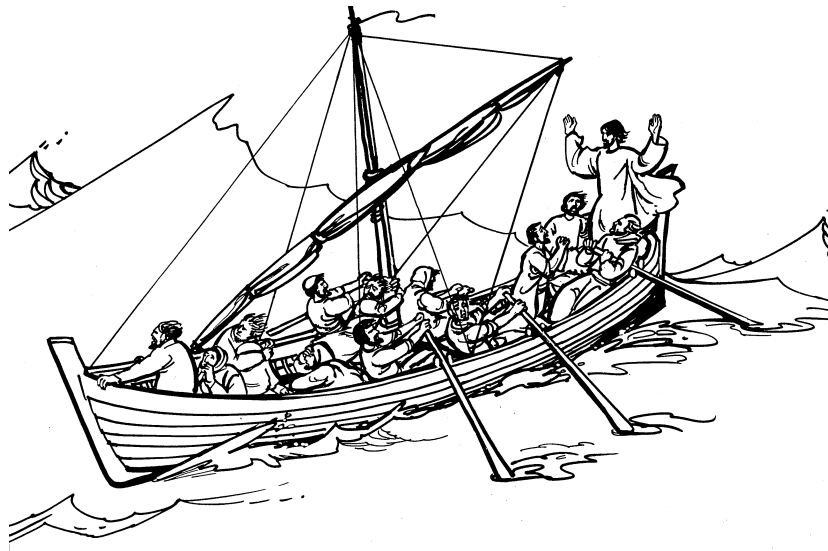
“Wind, be quiet,” He cried.

“Waves, be still!”

At once the storm stopped and the waves died down. There was a great calm.

The disciples were amazed. They looked at each other.

“What a wonderful man Jesus is,” they said, “Even the winds and the waves obey Him.



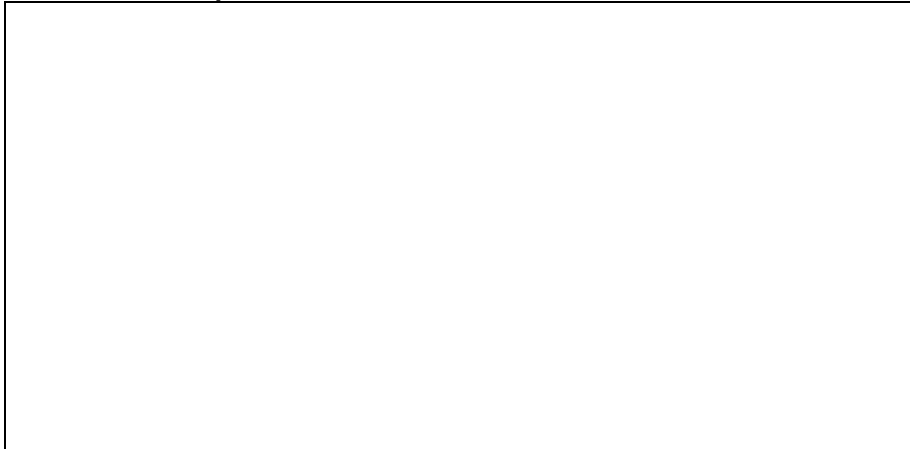
## Story 20 Jesus stills the storm

### Activities

1. Jesus and the disciples were in a boat. The 'oa' in boat makes the long 'o' sound. Write some more words where 'oa' makes the long 'o' sound.

g\_\_t   r\_\_d   fl\_\_t   l\_\_d

2. Draw a picture of a boat in a storm.



3. Circle the words that have 'or' as in 'storm'.

born term stork barn torn prod cork morn  
Lord corn

4. Fill in the missing words using 'or' words.

- Jesus was b\_\_\_\_\_ in a stable.
- Jesus is our L\_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus stood up and calmed the  
S\_\_\_\_\_.

## Story 21

### Jesus walks on the water

#### God is Lord and King

It was evening. Jesus said, “I am so tired. I will go up the hill. I will pray to my Father God.”

The disciples said, “We will go in the boat. We will cross the lake.”

They got into the boat. They rowed and rowed.

They rowed for a long time.

The wind began to blow.

Then John called out, “Look! Look!”

They saw someone on the water.

“Look! It is Jesus. He is walking on the water!”

Peter called to Jesus. “Jesus I will walk on the water with you.”

Peter began to walk on the water too.

He saw the big waves and he was afraid.

He began to sink.

Jesus said, “O Peter, why are you afraid? I am here with you. You need not be afraid.”

Jesus held Peter’s hand. He took Peter back to the boat.

At once the wind stopped.

“Thank you, Jesus. You are Lord. You are our King!”



**Story 21 Jesus walked on the water  
Activities**

1. Why was Peter afraid?

Peter was afraid because \_\_\_\_\_

2. How did Jesus help him?

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did the men see?

They \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where were the men?

The men were \_\_\_\_\_

5. What did they say to Jesus?

They said, " \_\_\_\_\_



**Story 22**  
**Jesus rides into Jerusalem**  
**God is humble**

It was soon to be the time of the Feast of Passover. This was the time when the Jews remembered how God saved their people. He helped Moses lead them all out of Egypt to the land of Israel where they now lived. Every year the families had a big feast to remember this time.

People were looking around for Jesus. "Do you think He will come to the Passover in Jerusalem?"

"I don't know. He may not come this year. Some men want to get rid of Him. They don't like what He says about them so they hate Him."

But Jesus and His disciples were just down the road a little way from Jerusalem, at a village called Bethphage.

Jesus stopped and spoke to His disciples.

"Will two of you please go ahead to that village... You will find a donkey tied there with her colt beside her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell them, 'The Master needs them' and he will let them go at once."

Jesus knew that, long before, a prophet had said, "Tell the city of Zion, 'Look, your king is coming to you."

He is humble and rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

So the two disciples went ahead and did what Jesus told them to do. They brought the donkey and the colt, threw their cloaks over them. Jesus got up on the donkey.

Crowds of people heard that Jesus was coming. They quickly spread their cloaks on the road. Others cut branches from trees and spread them on the road, too.

“Praise God! Praise God!”

“Hosanna! Hosanna!”

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”

“Praise to the Son of David!”

The people shouted loudly to welcome Jesus. Some Pharisees in the crowd heard what the people said, they cried out to Jesus,

“Teacher, tell your disciples to be quiet!”  
“I tell you,” Jesus said, “that if they keep quiet, the stones themselves will start shouting.”

Jesus rode on into Jerusalem and looked around at everything. Then He went out of Jerusalem to Bethany where He and the disciples spent the night.



## Story 22 Jesus rides into Jerusalem

### Activities

Jesus did not dress as a king would dress. He did not ride in a chariot that a king would ride in. Jesus came into Jerusalem on a donkey. He did not make himself look important. He was a humble servant.

1. What does the word 'humble' mean?
2. What did Jesus tell the two disciples to do?  
Jesus told \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did the people do?  
The people \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did the people cry out?  
The people shouted, " \_\_\_\_\_"
5. What did the Pharisees say?  
The Pharisees \_\_\_\_\_

6. Why do you think the Pharisees didn't like the people shouting?

In the word **Jerusalem**, we hear the sound 'er'.

Write some other words with 'er'.

The word **bird** uses 'ir' to make the same sound.

The word **church** uses 'ur' to make the same sound.

**'er' in Jerusalem**

**'ir' in bird**

**'ur' in church**

**7. Read these word lists downwards:**

<b>Jerusalem</b>	<b>bird</b>	<b>church</b>
her	skirt	nurse
herd	shirt	turn
serve	dirt	curl
were	stir	burn
germs	first	purse

**8. Find the rhyming words for:**

- nurse \_\_\_\_\_
- shirt \_\_\_\_\_
- girl \_\_\_\_\_
- nerve \_\_\_\_\_
- turn \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Use the rhyming words to complete these sentences:**

- a) The nurse lost her \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Hang the shirt and the \_\_\_\_\_ on the line.

c) The girl has a \_\_\_\_\_ in her hair.

d) I will turn the wood to make it \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire.

**10. Word clues. Use words with 'er' 'ir' 'ur'**

- a) Fire will do it. \_\_\_\_\_
- b) It can fly. \_\_\_\_\_
- c) They make us sick. \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) A girl wears it. \_\_\_\_\_.
- e) Where we go to pray. \_\_\_\_\_.
- f) Not clean. \_\_\_\_\_
- g) A boy wears it. \_\_\_\_\_.
- h) We put money in it \_\_\_\_\_.

## story 23

### The man who could not hear or speak

Once there was a man who was deaf. He could not hear. He could only speak a little bit. Some of his friends came to Jesus. They begged Jesus to heal the man.

Jesus took the man away from the crowd. The man was alone with Jesus. Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears. He spat and then touched the man's tongue.

Then Jesus looked up to heaven. He groaned and said, "Open up!" At once the deaf man could hear. He opened his mouth and he was able to speak, too.

Jesus said to him, "Please don't tell anyone about this."

But the people could not stop talking about it.

"See what Jesus is able to do," they said. "He can even make the deaf hear. And He has made the dumb man speak."



**Story 23 The man who could not hear or  
speak  
Activities**

1. What was wrong with the man who was brought to Jesus?

He \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who brought him to Jesus?

His \_\_\_\_\_

3. How did Jesus heal the man?

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

4. What did other people say?

The people said, “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

5. How would you feel if you couldn't hear or speak?

Find words to rhyme with 'hear'.

Find some words to rhyme with 'speak'.