

I can read Bible stories

Set 4 – New Testament

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The Birth of Baby Jesus

God is our Saviour

It was time for Baby Jesus to be born. Mary and Joseph had come a long way. They came to Bethlehem. There were many people there.

Joseph spoke to the inn-keeper, "Have you a room for us, Mr. Inn-keeper? We are so tired."

"I'm sorry," said the inn-keeper, "many people have come to pay their tax. I have no room for you. But wait. If you would not mind, I can make a place for you in the stable."

He gave Joseph a broom. He gave Joseph some hay. Joseph quickly swept the stable. He put the cows outside. He put his donkey outside also. He put clean hay into the manger. He put clean hay over the floor.

Now Mary and Joseph could lie down. They said, "Thank you, Lord for this good place to rest."

That night Baby Jesus was born. Mary put baby clothes on him and laid him close by in the manger. "Thank you, Lord, for your son, Baby Jesus."

The Birth of Baby Jesus

Activities

Write the missing words in order:

1. At first Jesus was a _____ just as we were once.
2. He was born in a _____.
3. He had a _____, Mary.
He had a _____, Joseph.
4. _____ was his Father in _____.
_____. God is our Father too.

Missing words (jumbled order):

stable mother Heaven baby God
father

5. God sent Jesus to be a baby just like you and me. He did things just like we do. Write some of the things that Jesus did, just like you.

6. However, there was one thing that Jesus did not do. He did not sin. What does this mean?



The Wise Men

God is Protector

Three men lived far away in the east. They were very wise. Every night they looked at the stars.

One night they saw a new star. It was very big. It was very, very shiny. They knew a king had been born. They got ready and started out on their camels. They were going to look for the new king. They rode and rode for many nights and days. They followed the big star.

At last they came to King Herod's palace.

They said, "Where is the new king?" "There is no new king here," said Herod, "do tell me if you find him."

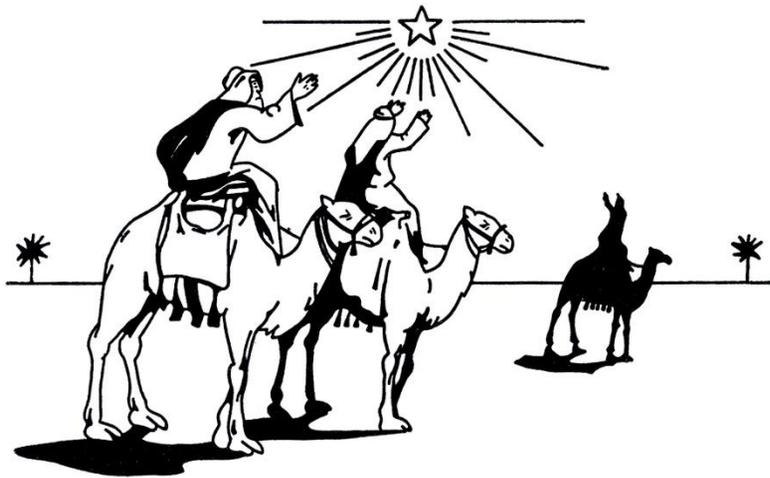
The wise men went to look in Bethlehem. They saw the star had stopped. It had stopped above a stable in Bethlehem.

The wise men went into the stable and found a baby with his mother Mary and Joseph. They knelt down to worship the baby and they gave him some lovely gifts. They knew that this baby was the new king.

Then God spoke to them in a dream. He said, "Do not go back to Herod. Go back home another way."

So they didn't go back to Herod. They didn't tell him where to find the baby.

Mary and Joseph took Baby Jesus to Egypt. God kept him safe there until King Herod died. Then they came back to Nazareth to live.



The Wise Men

Activities

1. The wise men lived in the East.

Write these words and underline the 'ea' sound that you hear in 'east'.

bear feast head mean bean ear cream
tread dream

2. Copy the sentences and fill the gap with the right 'ea' word

a) The wise men came from the

_____.

b) God spoke to the wise men in a

_____.

3. The wise men went to look for a new baby King. The King was Jesus.

Write some words that rhyme with 'king'.

4. The wise men knelt down to worship the baby.

Here are some other words that begin with a silent 'k'. Copy the sentences below and fill the gaps with the right 'ea' words.

kneel knot knife knight know knew knelt
knee

a) I _____ down to pray.

b) King Herod did not _____ where the new baby king was.

c) The wise men _____ down and worshipped Jesus.

d) The wise men _____ where to find the baby by following the star.

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 off 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 partners 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.

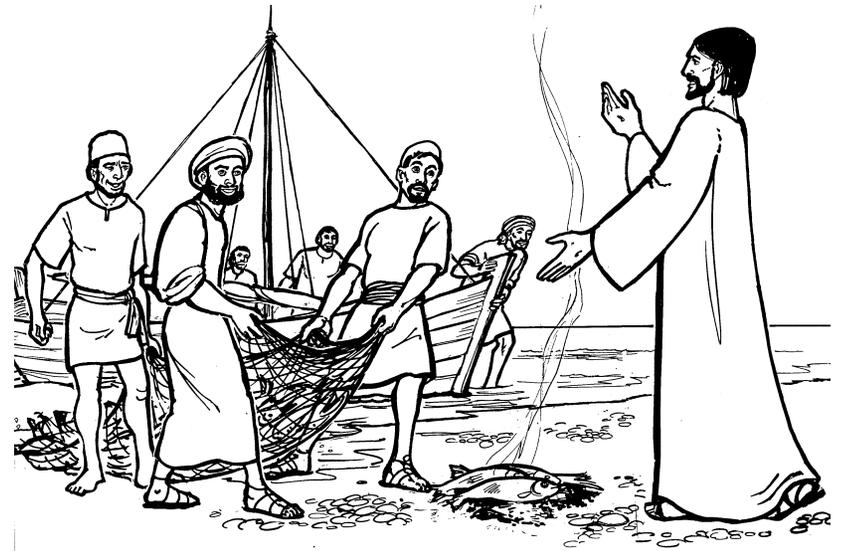
“O Lord, go away from me, for I am a sinful man.”

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid. From now on,

Simon Peter, you and James and John will be catching men.”

The fisher-men brought their boats to land.

They left every-thing and they followed Jesus.



Jesus calls the first disciples

Activities

Answer the questions in full sentences. The start of each sentence has been given to you.

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 _____

Jesus feeds five thousand men

God is Provider

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.....

Five thousand men and their families were fed. 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.

Jesus feeds five thousand men

Activities

Activity 1

Draw five men.

Draw two fish under each man.

How many fish altogether?

Activity 2

Draw ten men standing in twos.

Draw one fish for each pair.

How many fish altogether?

Activity 3

Draw three large circles.

Draw five men in each circle.

How many men are there?

Activity 4

Draw five circles.

Draw three fish in each circle.

How many fish are there?



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. “Someone 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.

Jesus is the greatest servant that ever lived. He told this story to show us that we can be God’s servants by helping others.

The Good Samaritan

Activities

1. A priest was the first to pass by the hurt man. What is a priest?
2. Did the priest help? _____
3. A Levite was the second to come by. What is a Levite?
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?
6. How did the Samaritan help?

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

A boy was walking down the road. As he was walking, he looked up and saw an eagle flying in the sky.

He wasn't looking at the ground. He didn't notice a big hole. His foot went into the hole. He fell and twisted his ankle. He couldn't walk on that leg.

A school boy came by. The boy was in a hurry. He did not stop and help.

The boy waited by the side of the road for someone to help. Then a mother came by. "Oh, you have been hurt," she said. "I will help you get to the house over there and I will call the doctor."

Jesus heals a lame man

God is Healer

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.

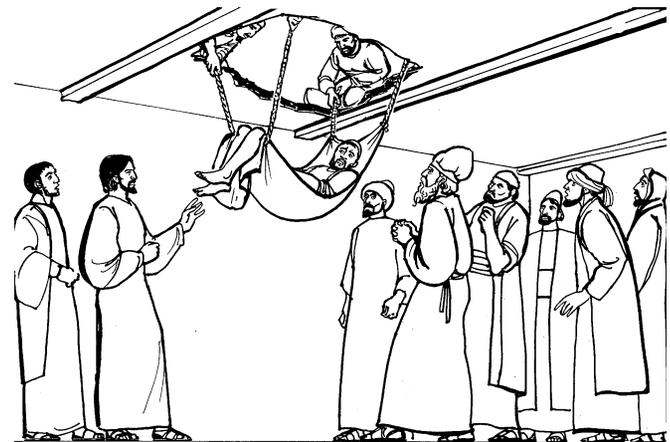
A crowd of people was outside the house. They stopped the friends from getting inside. So the men got up on the roof and made a big hole in it.

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.



Jesus heals a lame man

Activities

Answer the questions in full sentences. The beginning of the sentence has been given.

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:

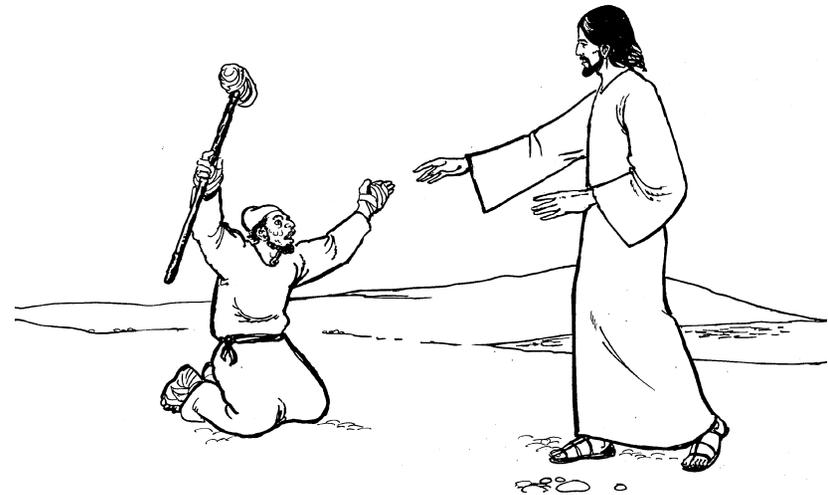
He said, "Your sins _____"

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. It might be hard for them to get the things they need. How could you help someone who cannot walk?



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.



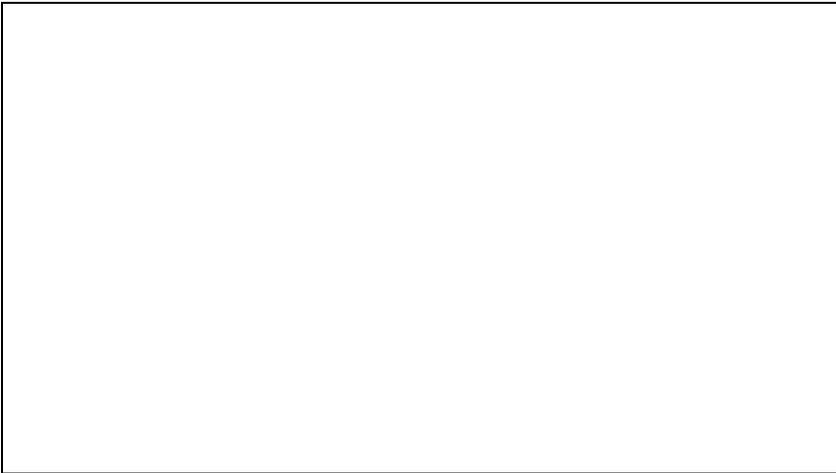
Jesus stills the storm

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. Write this list of words and underline
words that have 'or' in the middle.

storm born term stork barn torn prod
cork morn Lord corn

4. Write these sentences. 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_____.

Jesus walked 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!"

Jesus walked on the water

Activities

Answer these questions in full sentences. The beginning of the sentence has been given.

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?

They _____

5. What did they say to Jesus?

They said, " _____ "



Jesus rides into Jerusalem

God is our King

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.



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?
3. What did the people do?
4. What did the people cry out?
5. What did the Pharisees say?

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

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

Read these word lists downwards:

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

8. Write these words, and a rhyming word from the list above, next to each word.

nurse, shirt, girl, nerve, turn

9. Use the rhyming words to complete these sentences:

1. The nurse lost her _____.
2. Hang the shirt and the _____ on the line.
3. The girl has a _____ in her hair.
4. I will turn the wood to make it _____ in the fire.

10. Fill in the missing word:

1. A girl wears a _____ and a boy wears a _____.
2. Mum will _____ the soup.
3. Adam was the _____ man that God made.

4. The farmer had a _____ of cows.
5. The _____ made a nest in the tree.
6. At _____ we pray and sing songs to God.
7. A _____ looks after people who are sick.

10. Word clues

1. Fire will do it. _____
2. It can fly. _____
3. They make us ill. _____.
4. A girl wears it. _____.
5. Where we go to pray.
_____.
6. Not clean. _____
7. A boy wears it.
_____.
8. We put money in it
_____.

The man who could not hear or speak
God is Healer

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 can heal people who cannot speak."

The man who could not hear or speak
Activities

1. What was wrong with the man who was brought to Jesus?
2. Who brought him to Jesus?
3. How did Jesus heal the man?
4. What did other people say?
5. Why is life hard for a deaf person?
6. If you met a deaf person, how could you help them?

The centurion's servant

God is healer

One day Jesus went to a place called Capernaum. As he arrived a Roman soldier, called a centurion, came up to him.

“Sir,” he said, my servant is ill at home. He is paralyzed. He cannot move and he is in so much pain.”

“Oh,” said Jesus, “I will come and heal him.”

“Lord,” said the centurion, “I don't deserve to have you in my home. You just say the word and my servant will be healed. Like you, Jesus, I have people who work for me. I say to one of them,

‘Go’ and he goes. I say to another one ‘Come’ and he comes. I say to my slave, ‘Do this’ and he does it.”

Jesus was surprised to hear the centurion talk like that. He spoke to the crowd of people following Him, “Truly,” He said, “I have not met anyone in Israel who has as much faith as this man.”

He said to the centurion, “Go home. You have believed that I could heal your servant and he is well now.”

When the centurion arrived home he found his servant quite well. Jesus' word had healed him.

The centurion's servant Activities

1. When Jesus reached Capernaum, someone came up to him. Who was it?
2. What is a centurion?
3. What was wrong with the centurion's servant?
4. What did Jesus want to do?
5. What did the centurion say Jesus must do?
6. Why was the servant healed?



Jesus heals a blind man

God is Healer

Jesus was walking along the road with His disciples. They saw a man sitting by the road.

“Look Jesus,” said one of His men, “that man is blind.

He can’t see. Will you help him?”

“Yes,” said Jesus, “God sent me to heal people. He sent me to be the light of the world.”

Jesus bent down next to the man. He spat on the ground to make it wet. He rubbed the ground to make it into clay. “Now, sit very still,” Jesus said. “I will put the clay on your eyes.”
Jesus rubbed the clay on the man’s eyes.

“Now,” he said, “Go to the pool of Siloam and wash the mud off your eyes.”

The man went to the pool. He washed his eyes. As he opened his eyes he looked around.

“I can see!” he cried. “I’m not blind any more!”

He was so happy. He told crowds of people that a man had healed him. He did not know His name. Jesus came to find the man who was healed. He bowed down before Jesus. “Now I know you are the special Man sent from God,” he said.

The man told many people about Jesus.

Jesus heals a blind man

Activities

1. Jesus put clay on the blind man's eyes.
Circle the words where 'ay' makes the long 'a' sound.

today fade straight play away train
lady pain bay stay shade May made
tray pain clay

2. Jesus wants to heal people. Circle the words where 'ea' makes the long 'e' sound.

sea feel meal feed treat these steam
cream

3. Jesus is the light of the world. Write some other words that end in "ight".

4. Write the words that have the same 'or' sound as in 'world'.

worm worn storm word torn work stork

5. The man washed his eyes in the pool.
Circle the words where 'oo' makes the same sound as in pool.

cook stool school book tool cool good shook



The two sons

God is a forgiving father

Once a man had two sons. They helped their father work with their sheep and cattle. One day the second son said to his father, "Father, may I please have my share of your money? I want to go and work in the town."

His father was sad to see his son go away, but he gave him the money and let him go.

When the son got to the town he made many friends. He spent his money on parties. The friends came to all the parties. They had a merry time.

Soon all the money was gone. Now no-one was his friend. The young man had no bed, no food, nowhere to sleep. He had to look for work.

A farmer said, "Yes, I have work for you. You can feed the pigs."

The young man did not want to feed the pigs, but he had to do it. He was even glad to eat some of the pig's food.

At last he was so unhappy he thought, "This is an unhappy life here. I wish I was back at home with my father. I'm sorry I left home."

He left the pigs and walked all the long way home. When he was near his home his father saw him coming.

He ran with open arms to welcome his son back home. He was glad to see his son come back.

He hugged and kissed his son. He told the servants to kill a calf for meat. They would have a big party because the lost son was found.

“I’m sorry for spending your money. I’m sorry I went away from you. I’ll work for you as a servant if you will let me come home,” cried the son.

“My son, I forgive you. You will come home with us and help me like you did before. You were lost but now we have found you again.”

They all had a happy time together at the party.



The two sons

Activities

1. How many sons were there?
There were _____ Where did the second son go?

2. What kind of work did he do?

3. How did his father feel when he came home?
His father _____

4. Finish the rhyme:
The son went away,
His father was sad.
When he came back
His father was _____.

5. The son spent all the money his father gave him. The word *money* ends in 'ey' and makes the long 'e' sound.

Copy some other words that end in 'ey'.

monkey	
honey	
donkey	
valley	



The Good Shepherd

God is Love

Once there was a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. Every day he led them over the hills to find grass to eat. At the end of the day he led them back to the fold. Into the fold they went....one, two, three, four, five. He got to ninety-nine. One sheep was missing.

He set off to look for the missing sheep. He looked under bushes. He looked behind rocks. He called out the sheep's name.

He could hear a sheep crying out. He looked in a bush and there was his

sheep. Its leg was stuck in the prickly bush.

Gently the shepherd lifted the sheep out of the bush. He carried it all the way back to the fold. He put it down in the fold with the other ninety-nine sheep.

The shepherd was happy. He had found his lost sheep. He lay down at the door of the fold. He would keep his sheep safe from wild animals.

“Thank you Lord that you helped me find my sheep,” he prayed as he fell asleep.

The Good Shepherd

Activities

1. What is a shepherd?
2. How many sheep did the shepherd have at the start of the story?
3. Where did the shepherd go to look for his missing sheep?
4. How did the shepherd treat the missing sheep when he found it?

5. In the word 'sheep', the long 'e' sound is 'ee'. Unjumble the following 'ee' words:

leef	f
hetes	s
teme	m
deef	f
dnee	n
trsete	s



The Lost Coin

God is love

A woman had coins in her hand. She counted them.

“One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine...”

“I know I had ten coins,” she said. “I must have lost one. Where can it be?”

“Dear Lord,” she prayed, “will you please help me find my coin?”

She got up. She lit the lamp. She picked up the broom. She swept the floor. She looked every-where.

At last, in a dark corner, she found her lost coin. She was so glad. She ran to

tell her friends.

“Come and be happy with me,” she called. “I lost my coin but God helped me to find it.”

They all sang together, “Thank you, Lord that you helped our friend find the coin.”



The lost coin

Activities

1. How many coins did the woman have before she lost one?
2. Name two things she used to help her find the missing coin.
3. What did she do when she found the coin?
4. In the word *coin*, we can hear the 'oi' sound. Here are some other words that have the same sound in the middle:

join boil coil hoist oil point soil

Write these sentences and use the words above to fill the gaps:

- a) On a sailing ship we can _____ the sails.
- b) My pencil has a sharp _____.
- c) Dad put _____ on the wheel of my bike.
- d) Mum is going to _____ some water to make tea.
- e) A rope can be made into a _____.

The Unforgiving Slave

God is forgiving

The king was counting his money. There was a slave who owed him a lot of money.

“Send that man to me,” he said to a servant.

The man came to the king.

“You owe me a lot of money,” the king said, “If you can’t pay me, you and your wife and children must be sold.”

“O King,” said the slave, “please forgive me. Let me go and work. I can get money to pay you all I owe.”

“Very well,” said the king, “I will forgive you.”

The slave went out into the street. He was glad the king had forgiven him all the money he owed.

As the slave walked along the street he saw another man. This man owed him a little money. The slave held him by his throat. “You owe me money,” he shouted. “Give it to me now. I want it at once!”

“Please wait,” begged the poor man, “I will pay it back.”

“No, I can’t wait. You must go to jail.”

So the man was put in jail. Some men went to the king.

They told him what the slave had done. The king sent for him.

“You mean man!” he cried, “I forgave you a big lot of money, yet you will not forgive this poor man the little bit he owes you. You must be punished.”

Jesus told his disciples that they must forgive anyone who hurts them.



The unforgiving slave

Activities

1. Why did the king send for the slave?
2. What did the slave ask the king to do?
3. Who did the slave see in the street?
4. Where did the slave put the man?
5. Why was the slave punished?

Peter and the lame man

God is Healer

Peter and John were disciples of Jesus. One day they were going to the temple to pray. They could hear a man calling, "Please give me silver! Please give me gold! I am lame. I cannot walk."

They saw the man sitting bent up at the gate of the temple. They stopped to talk to the man.

"I'm sorry," said Peter. "I have no gold or silver. But I can give you something better than that."

Peter looked at the man. He took the man's right hand and lifted him to his feet.

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"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk."

At once the man's feet and ankles became strong and he jumped up and down. Then he began to walk.

"Oh, I am so happy" he shouted with joy. "Praise God I can walk! I can jump! Oh, praise God!"

People came running from the temple to look.

"How did you heal him, Peter? What did you do to make him walk?"



The people were all talking and asking each other what happened.

“You foolish people,” cried Peter, “I did not heal this man! You put our Lord Jesus to death, but God gave Him life again. God can still heal people. It was God who made this man walk. He was lame but God healed him. He was healed by faith in the name of Jesus Christ.

Didn't you hear me say, 'in the name of Jesus Christ, walk.'? Jesus Christ has given him healing and joy.”

Away went the man who had been lame, leaping and shouting: “Thank you Lord Jesus! Thank you for making me walk again. Oh! Praise God!”

Peter and the lame man

Activities

Let's practice adding 'ing' to doing words (verbs).

If a,e,i,o,u are short sounds, they have a double consonant before the 'ing'.

If a,e,i,o,u are long sounds, they have a single consonant before the 'ing'.

Here are some short vowels for you to try:

sit	sitting
hug	
dig	
stop	
beg	
run	

Here are some long vowels for you to try.
Drop the 'e' before adding 'ing'.

rise	rising
shake	
bite	
use	
save	
praise	
make	

These are easy. Just add 'ing'.

walk	walking
talk	
sort	
feed	
leap	
creep	

Write these sentences and fill the gap with the right 'ing' word.

1. The lame man was _____ at the gate of the temple (sit).
2. The lame man saw Peter _____ to the temple. (come)
3. Peter was _____ him something better than gold. (give)
4. After Peter prayed, the man jumped up and was _____ (walk), _____ (jump), and _____ (praise) God.
5. People came _____ (run) from the temple to look.
6. The man said, "Thank you, Lord Jesus for _____ (let) me walk.

Ananias and Sapphira

God is Truth

After Jesus went back to heaven many people believed that He was the Son of God. They shared all they had with each other. They shared their food with the hungry. They shared their money with poor people. They shared their houses with those who had no- where to stay.

There was a man named Ananias. His wife was called Sapphira. They sold their land and said they would give the money to the disciples to help the people who needed it.

But Ananias and Sapphira decided to keep some of the money for themselves. Ananias brought the rest of it to the disciples. The Holy Spirit showed Peter what Ananias had done.

“Ananias,” asked Peter, “Why did you keep some of the money? Why did you pretend that you had given us everything? You have not lied to men, you have lied to God.”

When Ananias heard this he fell down dead in front of the disciples. All the people who saw what happened were very frightened. Some young men came in; they wrapped up his body and carried him out.

About three hours later, Sapphira came in. She did not know what had happened to her husband.

Peter asked her, “Sapphira, did you and Ananias bring all the money you had to the disciples?”

“O, Yes,” said Sapphira, “We brought it all.”

Peter was sad because Sapphira did not tell the truth.

“Sapphira, why did you and Ananias test the Lord? Why did you not tell the truth? Ananias is dead, and you will die too.”

At once Sapphira fell down at Peter’s feet and died.

Young men carried her out and buried her next to Ananias. All the people who saw it happen were afraid for they knew that God had punished Ananias and Sapphira for not telling the truth.



Ananias and Sapphira

Activities

1. What were the people doing after they learned to trust Jesus Christ?
- 2.
3. Did Ananias and Sapphira give all their money to the apostles?
4. To whom did they lie?
5. What happened to Ananias and Sapphira?
6. What do you think Ananias and Sapphira should have done?