

JESUS

Friend of Sinners



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Some people became angry with Jesus. They said, 'He is spending time with sinners.'

Maybe they were jealous.

Jesus reminded them that just like sick people need a doctor, sinful people need a saviour,

Jesus came to bring sinners back to God.



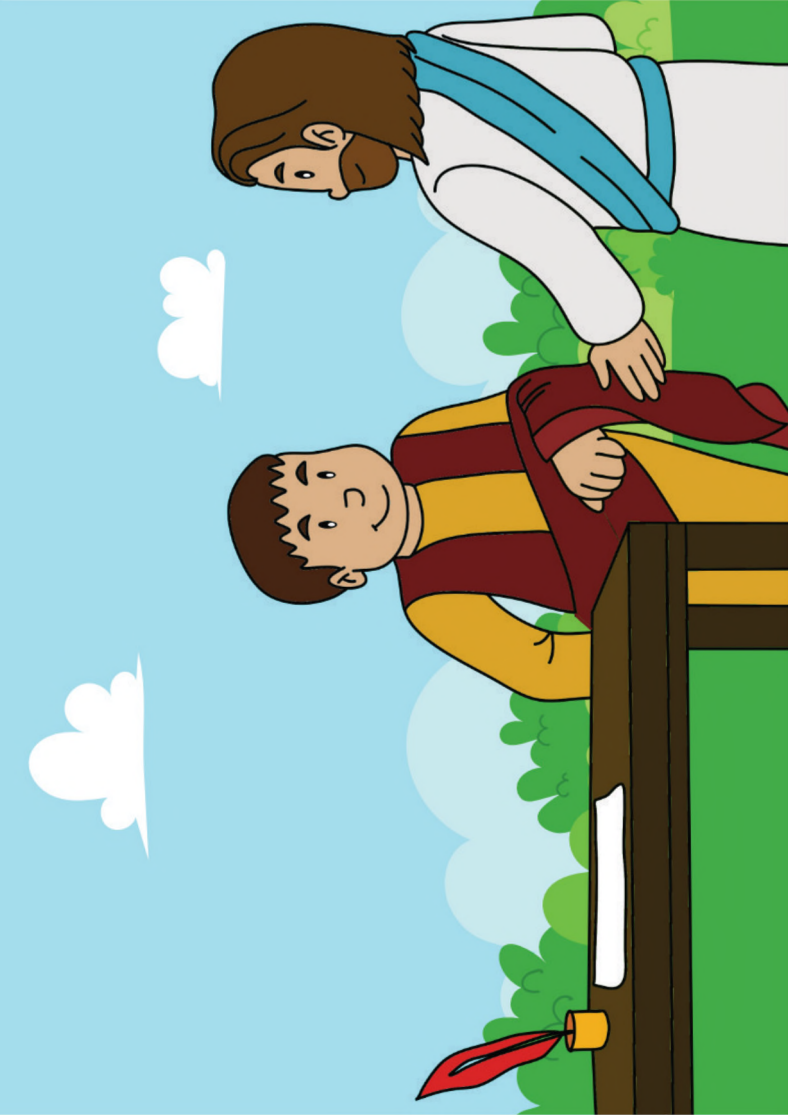
Matthew

Matthew was a tax collector.

This means he took money from people to give to the Roman Government.

Everyone hated the tax collectors. They would steal extra money and keep it for themselves.

They were not very nice.

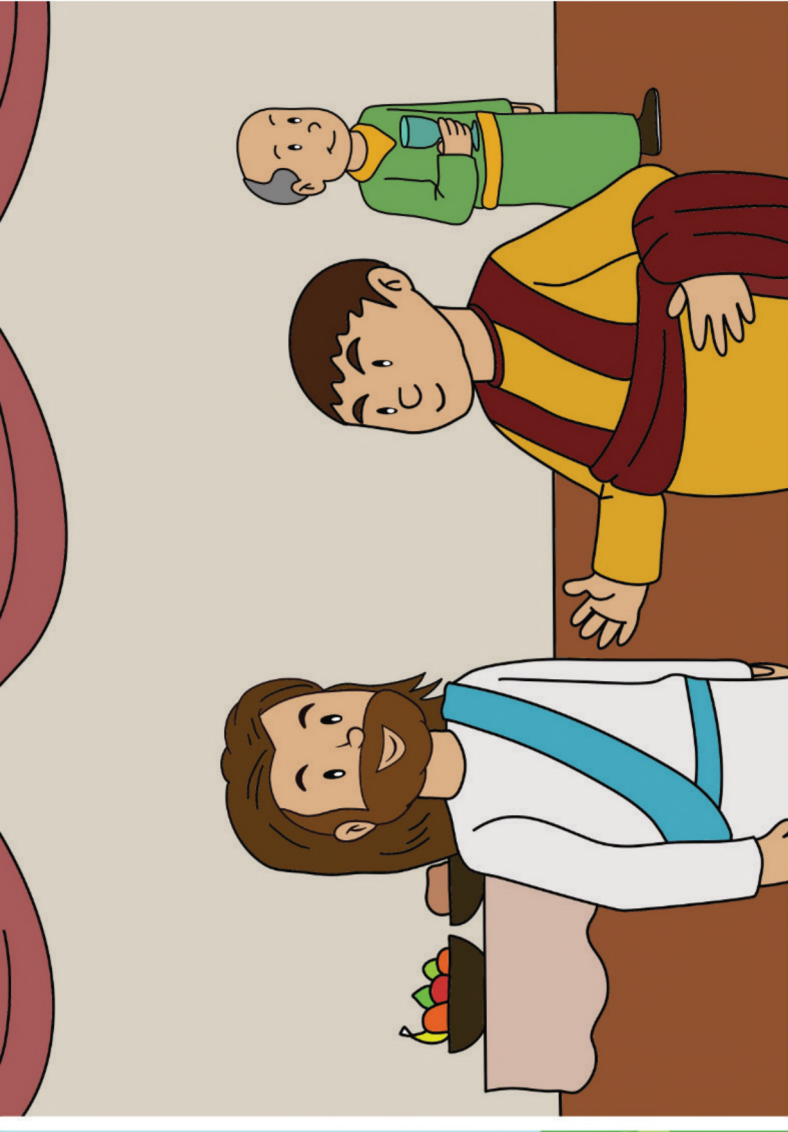


One day, Jesus was walking past Matthew's tax table.

Jesus knew people hated Matthew and he had done bad things, but He also knew God loved him.

Jesus told Matthew, 'Follow me.'

Right away, Matthew left his table and followed Jesus.



Matthew invited all his friends to come to his house and meet Jesus.

He wanted his friends to know that even though they have done bad things, God loves them and wants to forgive them.

Matthew prepared a great feast and lots of his friends came to the party.

Games and Activities

Who would you call?

Place the cards on the following page on the table. Ask your child a question like, “Who would I call if I was sick?” or “Who would I call if I saw a fire?”

If your child is old enough, allow them to ask the questions also.

Speak about how Jesus is the only one who can help us with our sin problem.



Play Doctors

Set up a teddy bear hospital. Allow the child to be a doctor and bring toys with different issues. You can have them bandage a leg with some toilet paper or take the toys temperature.

Remember your child’s imagination is much better than yours. They will find the objects they need to treat their patient.

Money Exchange Game

Take turns to roll a dice. The number on the dice shows how many pennies (cents) the child gets. Make it a race for example the first person to make one pound or dollar.

For older children, swap coins as you go. For example, when they get 10 pennies, they would swap for a 10p coin or a dime.

Use real money, plastic coins or buttons.



Who would you call if ...?



Follow me Sandal



What you need:

- Template page (white card for best results)
- Scissor
- Colouring pencils or crayons
- Ribbon
- Sticky tape

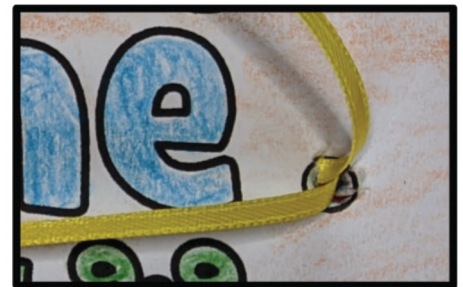
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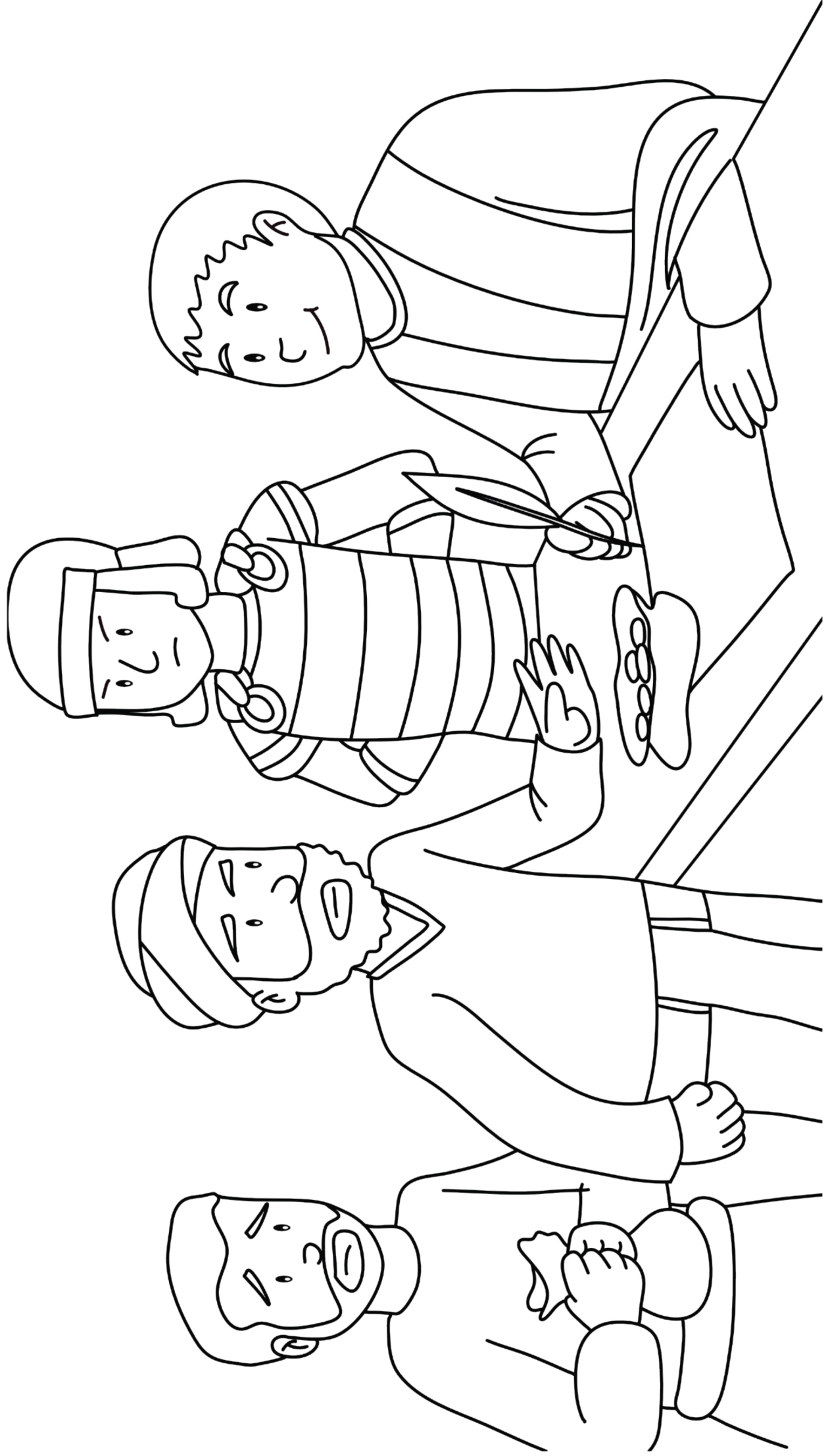


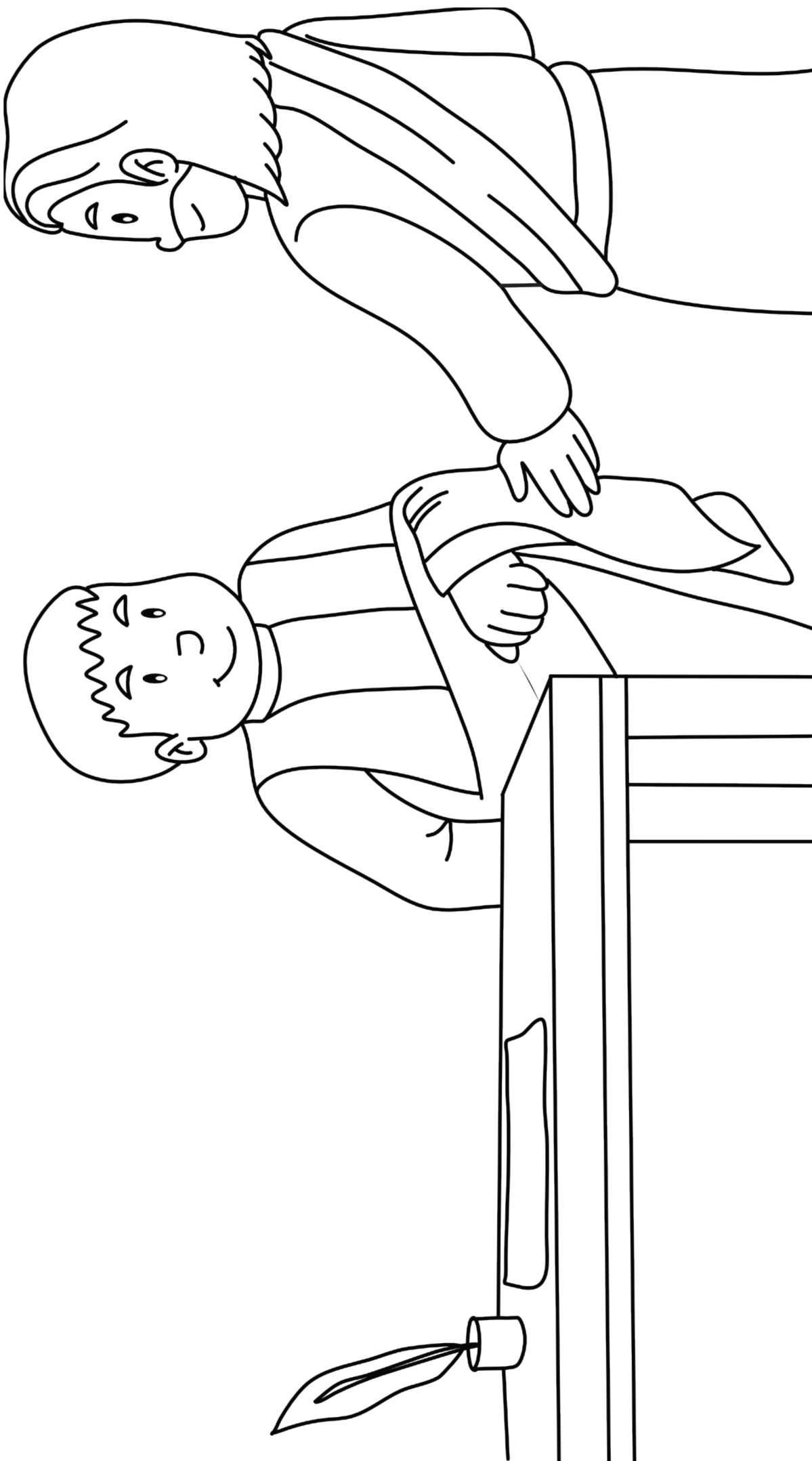
Cut around sandal and make small holes where indicated.

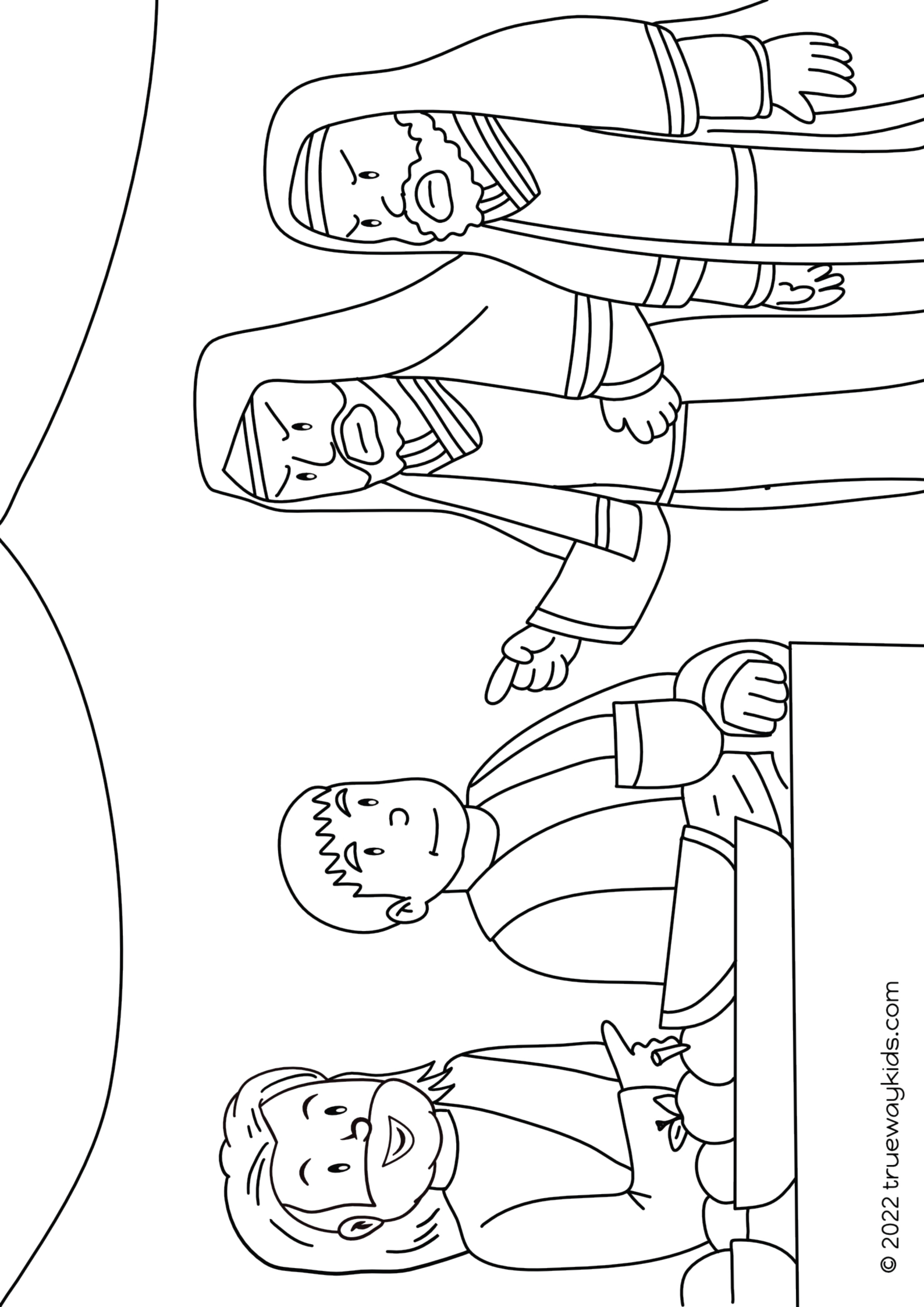


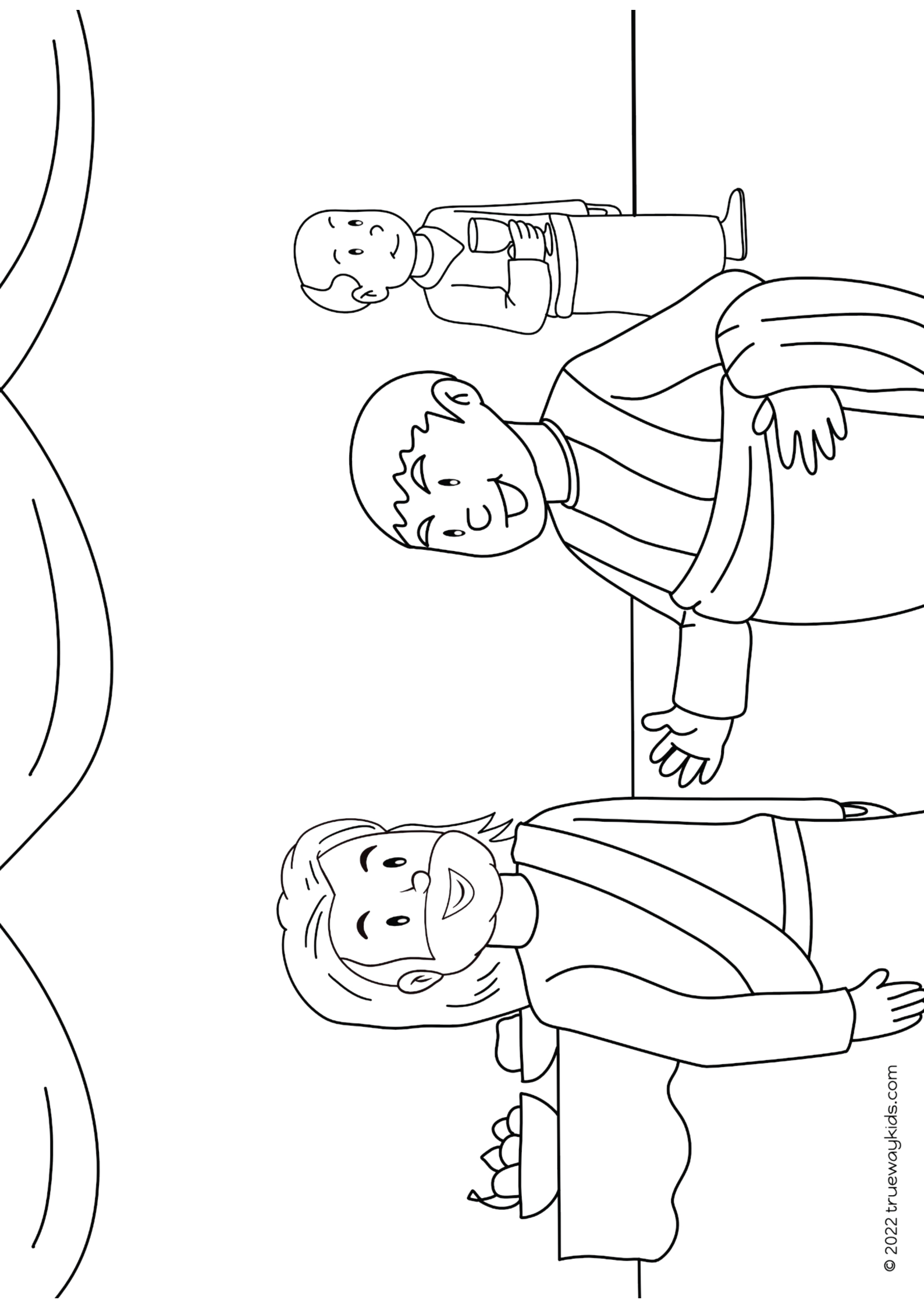
Thread two length of ribbon through holes, tie and tape underneath.

Jesus said
FOLLOW ME.
Matthew 9:9

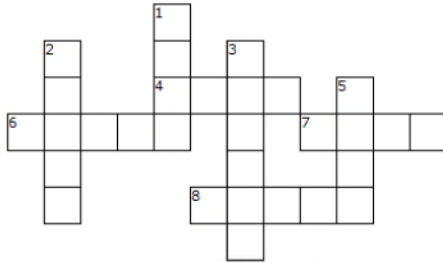








Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

4. A white mineral compound used on food as a seasoning
6. Sweet, sour, salty, or bitter qualities of food and drink
7. Not bad
8. The earth and all of its inhabitants

DOWN

1. To no longer have something
2. Freedom from arguments and disagreements
3. The way a food or drink is recognized from its taste
5. What we eat to get the nutrients that our body needs

TASTE	FOOD	WORLD	PEACE
LOSE	FLAVOR	SALT	GOOD



**CALLED TO
BE SALT**

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Children's Worship Bulletin

Pass the Salt, Please

Mark 9:38-50

Word Search Puzzle

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

FOOD	SHIRT	BETTER	TASTE	PLASTIC
SHAKER	CHEMICAL	FLAVOR	SALT	PEACE
WORLD	TOYS	GOOD	DYE	LEATHER

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Coloring Page



“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”
Mark 9:50 (NIV)

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.
Substitute the correct letter for the numbers
to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
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- 8-11-13-24-1-12 _____
- 23-3-7 _____
- 25-13-9-25-7 _____
- 8-1-1-23 _____
- 9-13-11-25 _____
- 30-1-12-11-23 _____
- 11-7-13-25-18-7-12 _____
- 26-7-13-10-7 _____
- 11-1-9-7 _____

TASTE	LOSE	SALT	FOOD	LEATHER
DYE	FLAVOR	PLASTIC	WORLD	PEACE





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Sunday between
September 25 and
October 1



CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. In what ways is salt used?
2. Jesus says his followers must have the qualities of salt. What do you think he means?
3. Being part of a family or a congregation involves challenge and conflict as well as joy and gladness. In what ways do our lives 'flavour' the lives of others? How are you God's salt in your relationships?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

- S** **Mark 9:38-50** Avoiding sin
- M** **Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29** Moses and the 70 elders
- T** **James 5:13-20** The power of prayer
- W** **Luke 24:36-49** Repentance and forgiveness
- T** **Micah 7:18-20** God's steadfast love
- F** **Acts 3:17-26** Repent for times of refreshment
- S** **Psalms 19:7-14** The wonders of God

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

MARK 9:35



CREATIVE RESPONSE

In your home, make a sign that reads "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." (Mark 9:50).

Put the message next to a salt shaker and place the sign and the salt on a table in your home. Reflect on how your life in Christ has made you like salt and a powerful gift of peace to others.



ACTION RESPONSE

Caring for our life in community, whether it be a family, support group, or congregation is of vital importance to the integrity of the witness of the church.

Reach out to someone who may feel alone or estranged from their family, small group or congregation. Express your care for them and for their being a valued community member.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, thanks we say for night and day, food and shelter, rest and play. Be our guest and with us stay. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be pleasing to you this day. You are our Rock and Redeemer. Amen



BLESSING

May God's word guide you and give you peace with others.