



Materials I Need:

Legend:



= Option 1, Appropriate for 1st – 2nd Grade



= Option 2, Appropriate for 3rd – 6th Grade

Memory Work:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” Matthew 4:17b

Suggested Thematic Tracks:

① Arrival of the King

HOOK: Announcing the Arrival of the King (*Activity/Discussion*)
Preparing for the Arrival of The King (*Activity/Discussion*)

LOOK: Proof of the King (*Worksheet/Coloring Page*)

TOOK: Entering the Kingdom of Heaven (*Craft*)

② Resisting Temptation

HOOK: Temptations...Who Can Resist? (*Activity/Discussion*)

LOOK: The Weapon of the King (*Craft*)
Repent with Scripture (*Game*)

TOOK: Avoiding Temptation Ourselves (*Take-Home Booklet*)

③ Follow the King To the Kingdom

HOOK: Who Are You Going to Follow? (*Activity*)
What Does Your Leader Look Like? (*Activity*)

LOOK: Why Should We Follow King Jesus? (*Activity*)



TOOK: Do You Want to Follow King Jesus? (*Craft*)

➤ **Complementary Activities**





Hook:





➤ **Welcome to the Kingdom (*Room Decoration*).**   Hang butcher paper on the wall with a large castle drawn, colored, and decorated. Use this mural as you talk about what to expect in a king and a kingdom.





② **Temptations...Who Can Resist? (*Activity/Discussion*).**   Ask the students what they think temptation is. With what kinds of things are they tempted? Bring in items or talk about things that might be considered temptations to children at the age of the students. These items will probably include candy, toys, television shows, “cool” clothing, expensive sporting goods, trips to amusement parks, etc. Along with these items, talk about how we are tempted to take the easy way, lose our tempers when we don't get our way, or pout when we don't get what we want. Satan, the king of sin himself, tempts us all the time. He tries to tell us that selfishness is good and that we should get whatever we want. The more we want, the stronger the desire becomes to get more and more. It is hard to resist the temptation to sin. We need help from someone who is more powerful than Satan. Tell the students that this morning they will learn how King Jesus conquered temptation and can

therefore provide us with the power to resist Satan's temptations.

 ① **Announcing the Arrival of the King (Activity/Discussion).** 🐜, 🦋 Bring in examples to share, and discuss the following ways we announce important events today: We might read in the newspaper about something special that will happen; in the same way, we could hear announcements on the radio or see something on television; we often send out announcements for new babies, weddings, graduations, or special birthdays in the mail. We could tell people we know in person or stand on the street corner with a megaphone and shout it to all who might be near; we could call everyone we know on the phone and tell them of this special event. Now everyone sends e-mail to communicate with others. In some foreign countries, they might have a parade with marching bands, soldiers, and flags to announce the arrival of a special person. Ask the students how they think special announcements were made in Bible times. Explain that their methods were much more limited than ours are today. They could physically tell people with their voices. This meant that they could tell those around them but would have to travel elsewhere to tell people who were not in the immediate proximity. They might send a letter to someone but it would take a very long time to get to its destination. Tell the students that this morning they will hear about a man whose job was to announce the arrival of a very special King. He had a very loud voice and attracted a lot of attention to those around him.

 ① **Preparing for the Arrival of the King (Activity/Discussion).** 🐜, 🦋 Ask the students what they would need if they had to set up their kingdoms to prepare for the arrival of a special king: a king, a castle, an army, a lot of money, a throne, a red carpet, multitudes of servants? Using the large castle mural you have pasted on the wall prior to class (see **Welcome to the Kingdom** classroom decorations), write down ideas on colored pieces of paper or use pictures you have collected from magazines or clip-art to set up the kingdom described by the students. Tack these ideas up on the wall to decorate the castle (these will all need to be removed later, so don't paste them up permanently). Make this a fun activity and give everyone a chance to participate. Ask the students how they might be able to tell if the person who finally arrived was the king they had been waiting for. Would he already be wearing some kind of crown, have royal clothing, be riding on a white horse or in a fancy carriage? The Israelites were expecting a king who would set up a kingdom to conquer the Romans. They were looking for an earthly king. Their idea of what a kingdom should be was a bit different from what the kingdom of heaven is.

 ③ **Who Are You Going to Follow? (Activity).** 🐜, 🦋 As the HOOK time begins, have the teachers line up in front of the classroom. Announce that the students may follow any teacher they choose. Each teacher then tries to convince the students that he or she is the best leader to follow but does NOT tell where he or she will lead them. Tell the students to choose the teacher they will follow and line up behind that teacher. The teachers then exit the room and the students follow. Each teacher will lead his or her group to a different destination and activity. All activities should involve work, but only one teacher will help the students complete their work and reward their accomplishments. The other teachers will play the role more of a dictator than a fellow servant. The leaders may lead their followers to pull weeds in the front lawn, wash dishes in the kitchen, clean the restrooms, wash windows, wash tables in the classroom, or simply wander aimlessly without any direction. Upon returning to the classroom, ask the students what they did, if their teacher helped, and if they were rewarded for their efforts. Ask the students who they would have followed if they had known more about their leader and where they were going. Talk about how we need to know these things before we follow someone.

 ③ **What Does Your Leader Look Like? (Activity).** 🐜, 🦋 Have the students tell you the types of qualities they would look for in a leader. Bring in magazine pictures, newspaper articles, or use clip-art. Sit at a table with a group of students and have them choose the qualities from those items on the table. Would this leader be rich, funny, have a big house, lots of friends, etc? Collect the ideas selected by the students and place them in an envelope labeled "the perfect leader." Review these qualities with the students at your table and ask them why they chose those qualities.



Book:

Presentation Ideas –



John the Baptist (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🦋, 🦋 Matthew 3:1-5, **MAT02.GF1.**



John Baptizes Jesus (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🦋, 🦋 Matthew 3:13-16, **MAT02.GF2.**



Jesus Defeats Satan in the Wilderness (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🦋, 🦋 Matthew 4:1-4, **MAT02.GF3.**



Jesus Heals the Sick (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🦋, 🦋 Matthew 4:23-25, **MAT02.GF4.**

Bible Adventure for K – 6th Grades -

The people of Israel had been expecting a king for a long, long time. They called this expected king Messiah, and they looked to Him to do great things for their nation. They thought that He would come with a huge army and free them from the oppressive nations that controlled their land. After that they would experience great peace and prosperity.

In the Old Testament, God had spoken to His prophets and told them that certain signs would accompany the coming of the Messiah. When these signs occurred, they would prove that He was the promised One sent from God. As we look at Matthew chapters 3 and 4, we will see that Jesus was indeed the long-awaited King, but His kingdom would be far different from what the people expected.

Matthew 3:1-2 tells us, “In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.’” John was on a mission from God to prepare the way for the Messiah. He told the people over and over again to repent. To repent means to turn your back on your sin and choose to obey God instead. After they repented, he called his hearers to be baptized to demonstrate that they wanted to start a new life that was pleasing to God. It wasn’t hard to spot John because he dressed in a very unusual way. He wore clothing made out of camel’s hair tied with a leather belt. In addition, he ate wild honey and locusts (which are like grasshoppers) for his meals! He wasn’t just being strange, though. The Old Testament prophet, Malachi, wrote that a man just like Elijah would come and call the people to turn back to God. John was very much like Elijah, and he was the man spoken of in Malachi. Large crowds went out to hear John preach because they thought that he was a great prophet. John the Baptist was the first sign to prove that the Messiah had arrived.

One day as John was preaching and baptizing, Jesus approached him and asked to be baptized. John was shocked and said, “No, I should be baptized by you!” However, Jesus explained that John was to baptize Him so that He could be an example of being obedient to God. Jesus had no sin and did not need to be baptized but, in doing so, He identified with the sinners whom He had come to save.

After John baptized Jesus, a most amazing and wonderful thing happened. The heavens opened and God spoke so that everyone could hear, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.” The Holy Spirit then came down in the form of a dove and rested upon Jesus. The people could plainly see that Jesus was approved by God to begin His ministry. This was the second sign that proved that the Messiah had come.

Soon after His baptism, Jesus journeyed out to the wilderness and was tempted by Satan to sin. Each time Satan tempted Him, Jesus resisted by answering with God’s word. Satan finally gave up and left Him. This was the third sign that the Messiah had come, proving that Jesus was without sin and truly righteous.

Jesus then began His ministry by preaching the same message that John had—“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” Sin could not be a part of His kingdom, so He called the people to repent from their sinful ways and prepare for His rule in their hearts. As He did this, He began calling disciples to follow Him. One day He stopped and called out to four fishermen—Peter, Andrew, James and John—saying, “Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” These would be the men whom Jesus would personally train to carry the message of His kingdom all over Israel and, eventually, to the entire world.

Jesus traveled around the region and healed people who were sick or controlled by demons. He demonstrated His great compassion for the lost people around Him and He also demonstrated His great healing power. This was the fourth sign that Jesus was indeed the One sent from God. Thousands of people followed Him, wanting to hear what He would say and have all their illnesses healed.

Jesus' ministry was very different from what people expected. He did not come with mighty armies. Instead, He showed that His kingdom would first start in the hearts of people. They must repent of their sins and allow Him to rule their lives. How about you? Have you repented from your sins and allowed Christ to rule in your heart? The four signs of Matthew 3 and 4 clearly prove that Jesus is the rightful King and worthy of our devotion.

Aim Questions

1. **Who was the man God used to introduce Jesus' ministry?** (*John the Baptist.*)
2. **What did He tell the people that they must do?** (*Repent and prepare their hearts for the Messiah.*)
3. **Who else testified that Jesus was the Messiah?** (*God the Father spoke from heaven.*)
4. **What did Jesus tell the people?** (*"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."*)
5. **Why did both John and Jesus have the same message?** (*The people had to have right hearts before they could enter His kingdom.*)
6. **What did Jesus do to prove that He was the Messiah?** (*Overcame Satan's temptations, healed the sick and demon-oppressed.*)
7. **What should you do in response?** (*Repent and follow Jesus.*)



Look:



① **Proof of the King (Worksheet/Coloring Page).** 🐜 Look up the verses listed that pertain to the pictures on **MAT02.GF5** and read these to the students as they color the pictures. These five pictures represent the proof of why Jesus was the promised King/Messiah. The lineage of David (family tree) is an opportunity to review from last week's lesson. John the Baptist and the prophecy that came before him confirmed the announcement of Christ's arrival. God's voice and the descending dove confirmed God's approval of His Son as the King. Christ's defeat of Satan proved His power over sin and temptation. The miracles He performed proved that He had the power of the true King.




② **The Weapon of the King (Craft).** 🐜, 🦋 Each student will need:


- one secret weapon from **MAT02.GF6 Pg. 1.**
- one secret weapon carrying case from **MAT02.GF6 Pg. 2**
- scissors
- glue


Ask the students what the secret weapon was that Jesus used to defeat Satan in the wilderness. Read Matthew 4:1-11 where Satan challenged Jesus. It's no secret—He used the Word of God! Have the students assemble this craft by pasting their weapons (the Word of God) inside their carrying cases. Read Psalm 119:11.





③ **Why Should We Follow King Jesus? (Activity).** 🐜, 🦋 Before class, tape the circles from **MAT02.GF7 Pgs. 1-4** up on the wall as indicated in the diagram on **MAT02.GF7 Pg. 5** so that the writing is not showing. Call on a student to choose a circle to flip over. Read the text on the circle and ask that student if this is a reason to follow King Jesus. If it is a valid reason (as covered in today's Bible Adventure) then you may cover the circle with a footprint from **MAT02.GF6 Pg. 6.** (You will need to make two copies of this page to have enough footprints.) If it is not a valid reason, simply put an "X" through the circle. Once you have read all of the circles, you should have a defined path indicated with footprints. At the conclusion of the LOOK time, tape **MAT02.GF6 Pg. 7** at the end of the pathway.


 ② **Repent with Scripture (Game).** 🦋 Divide the students into two equal teams, lining them up on one side of the room. One person from each team will slowly walk toward the opposite side of the room and must be led to repentance by their teammates within 60 seconds before reaching the other side and becoming lost in their sin. Before these two students are released to walk across the room, the teacher on the opposite end will shout out a particular sin common among this age of students; for example, "Talking back to your parents." It is the team's job to find the Scripture verses that direct a person back to righteousness. For example, Ex. 20:12 would be found and stated by the team before the 60 seconds was up in order to save their teammate. Prepare several of these sins and their corresponding Scripture, alluding even to Christ's refuting Satan's temptations with God's Word. If, at the end of the minute, neither team has found a reasonable verse to stimulate repentance, the teacher can give the verse. If you wish to allow the competitive edge, the team that lost the least team members wins.

 ➤ **Follow the Arrows (Memory Verse Puzzle).** 🦋 Have the students solve the memory verse puzzle. Discuss with them the meaning of the special word "repent" that they should have found, **MAT02.GF8**.

 ➤ **The Kingdom of Heaven (Memory Verse Puzzle).** 🦋 Have the students solve the memory verse puzzle by finding all the words listed in the puzzle and circling them. The remaining words in the puzzle are put in the spaces provided to form the memory verse, Matthew 4:17b. Caution the students that some letters may be used in more than one word, **MAT02.GF9 Pg. 1. Answer Key: MAT02.GF9 Pg. 2**.

 ➤ **Aim Questions (Worksheet).** 🦋 Have the students answer the Aim Questions about today's Bible Adventure, **MAT02.GF10**.

 ➤ **Passage Review Questions (Worksheet).** 🦋, 🦋 This booklet contains many questions from the Scripture passage covered in today's lesson. Students may work on them in class and complete them during the week at home, **MAT02.GF11**.

 ➤ **Matthew 4:17b (Memory Verse Song).** 🦋 Words and music for today's memory verse are available upon request from Children's Ministry.



Took:

 ① **Entering the Kingdom of Heaven (Craft).** 🦋, 🦋 Each student will need:

MAT02.GF12 Pg. 1
one circle from **MAT02.GF12 Pg. 2**
construction paper
scissors
glue

Have the students follow the instructions below to complete their craft:

1. Cut the arch of the castle door so that it hinges open.
2. Cut out the small circle and tape it to the door opening so that it is revealed when the door is opened.
3. Paste the castle page onto the construction paper.
4. Complete by coloring and decorating as desired.

Discuss with the students how Jesus is the door to entering the kingdom of heaven. We need to repent and follow Him inside. Only the righteous are allowed in, and no one is qualified on his or her own. In order to enter, we must:

#1 Admit our sin.

#2 Ask for forgiveness, recognizing that only Christ can save us.

#3 Turn our hearts over to King Jesus, and serve Him with our lives.



② **Avoiding Temptation Ourselves (Take-Home Booklet).** 🦋, 🦋 Each student will need:

MAT02.GF13 copied onto white or colored paper
coloring crayons or markers

Just like Jesus, we should use the Word of God to keep us strong when we are tempted to sin. Have the students fold the booklet and look at the verses individually. Discuss with them the times when they might need to remember these verses. Encourage the students to keep this handy helper with them next week as a quick reference when they are tempted.



③ **Do You Want to Follow King Jesus? (Craft).**



Each student will need:

MAT02.GF14 Pgs. 2 & 3 duplex-copied onto white paper
MAT02.GF14 Pg. 4 copied onto white paper
scissors
crayons

Have the students color the pictures on **MAT02.GF14 Pg. 4** and discuss how these are proofs of who Jesus is. The students should cut these out and paste them to **MAT02.GF14 Pg. 3**. The reverse side is to be completed during the following week. Discuss with the students the difference between head knowledge and heart desire.



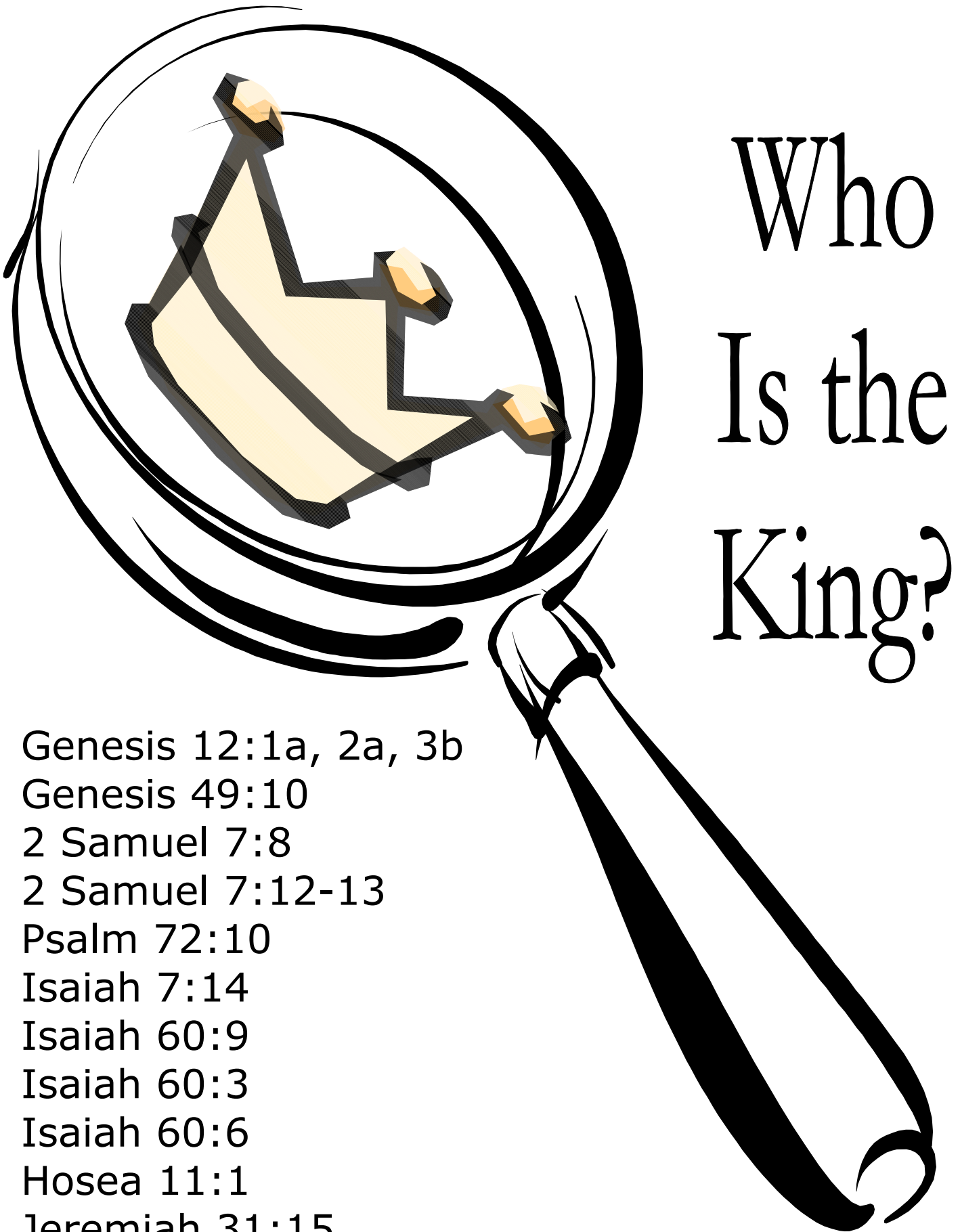
Each student will need:

MAT02.GF14 Pgs. 1 & 2 duplex-copied onto white paper

On **MAT02.GF14 Pg.1** they are to look up the proof given and write down the Scripture reference in Matthew. The reverse side is to be completed during the following week. Discuss with the students the difference between head knowledge and heart desire.

John the Baptist





Who Is the King?

Genesis 12:1a, 2a, 3b

Genesis 49:10

2 Samuel 7:8

2 Samuel 7:12-13

Psalms 72:10

Isaiah 7:14

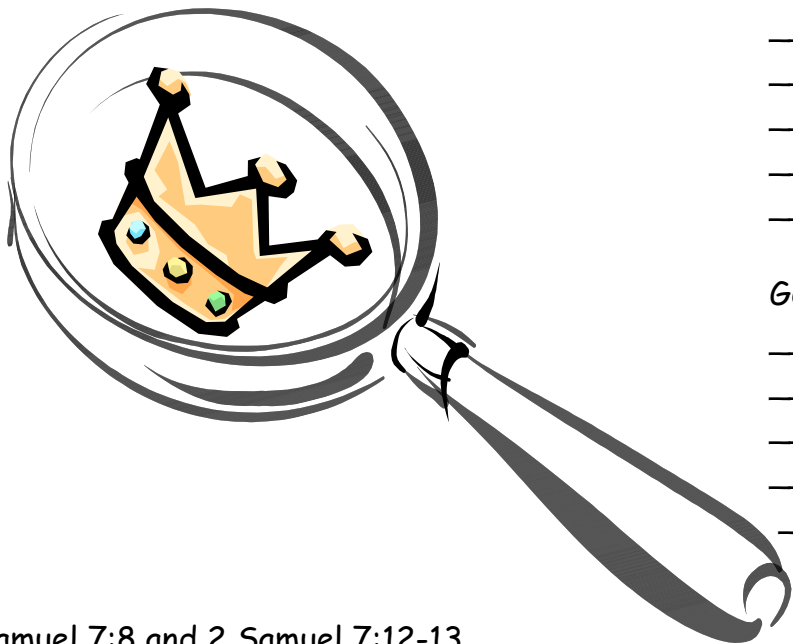
Isaiah 60:9

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Isaiah 60:6

Hosea 11:1

Jeremiah 31:15



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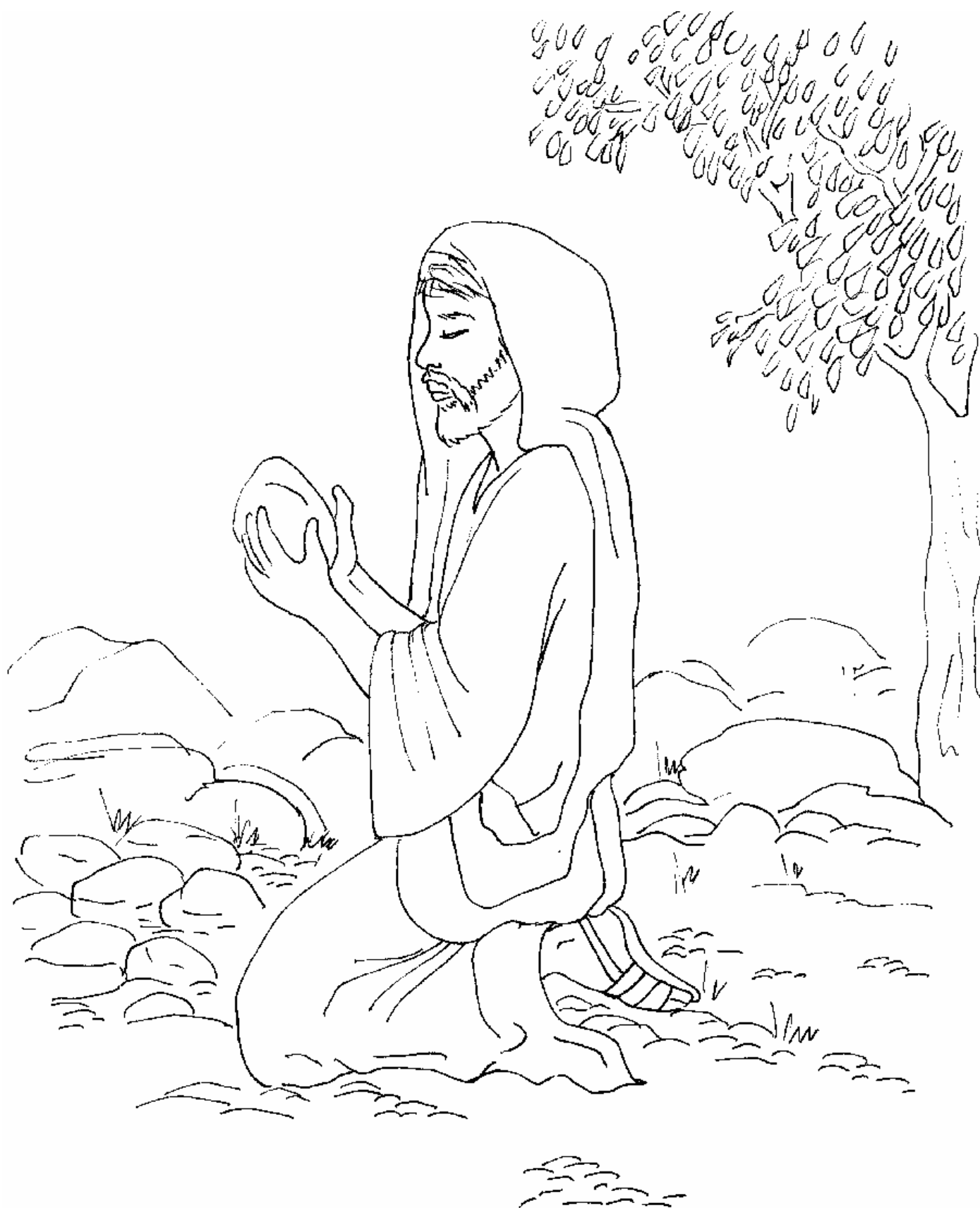
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Isaiah 60:3, 6, 9

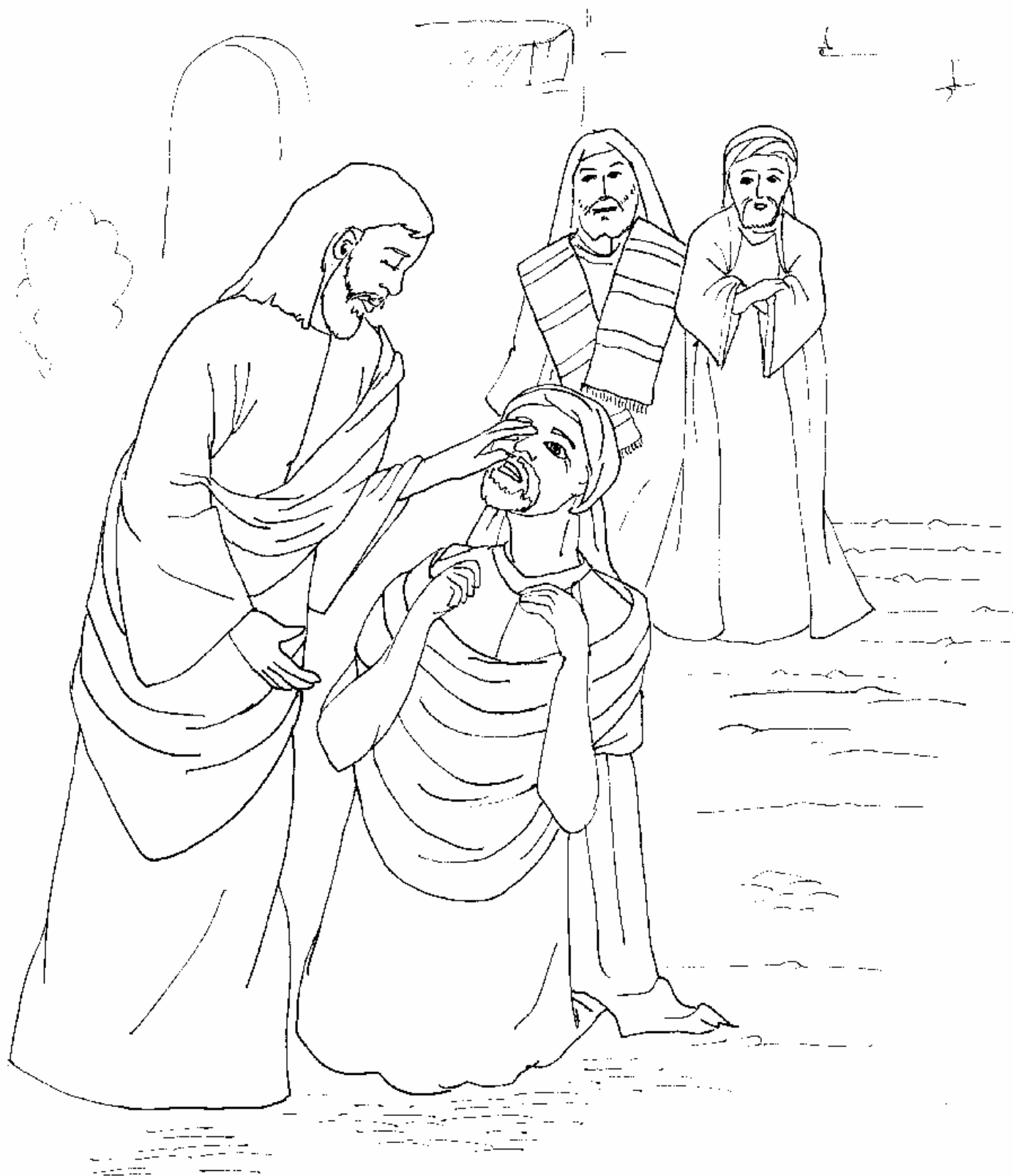
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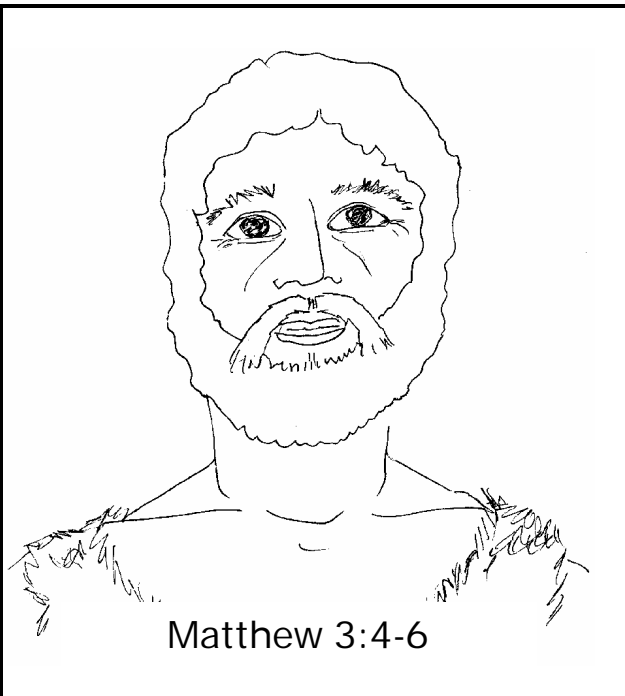
Hosea 11:1

Jesus Defeats Satan in the Wilderness



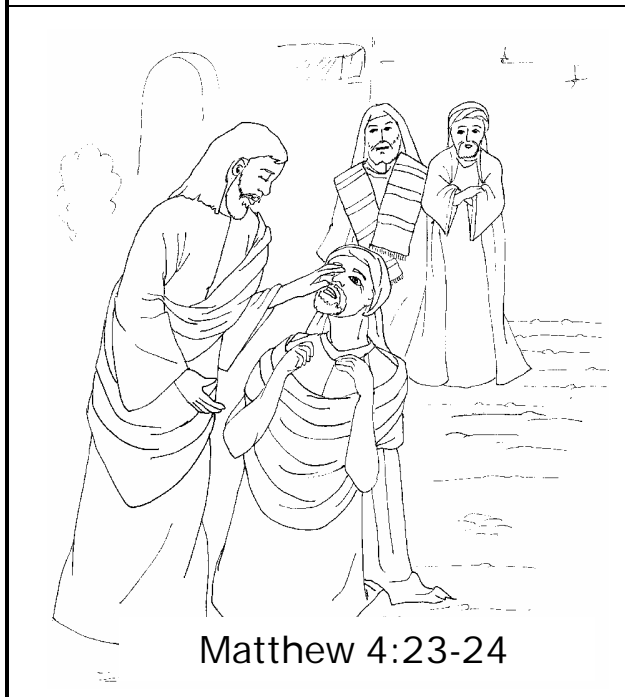
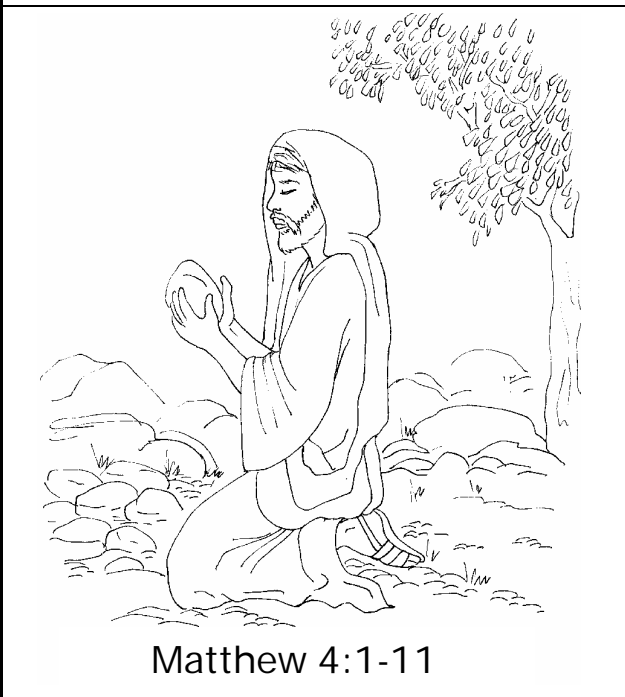
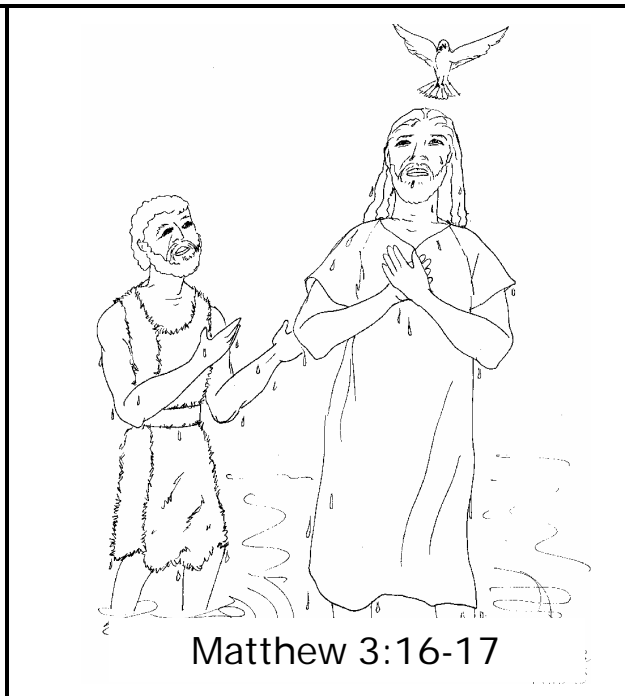
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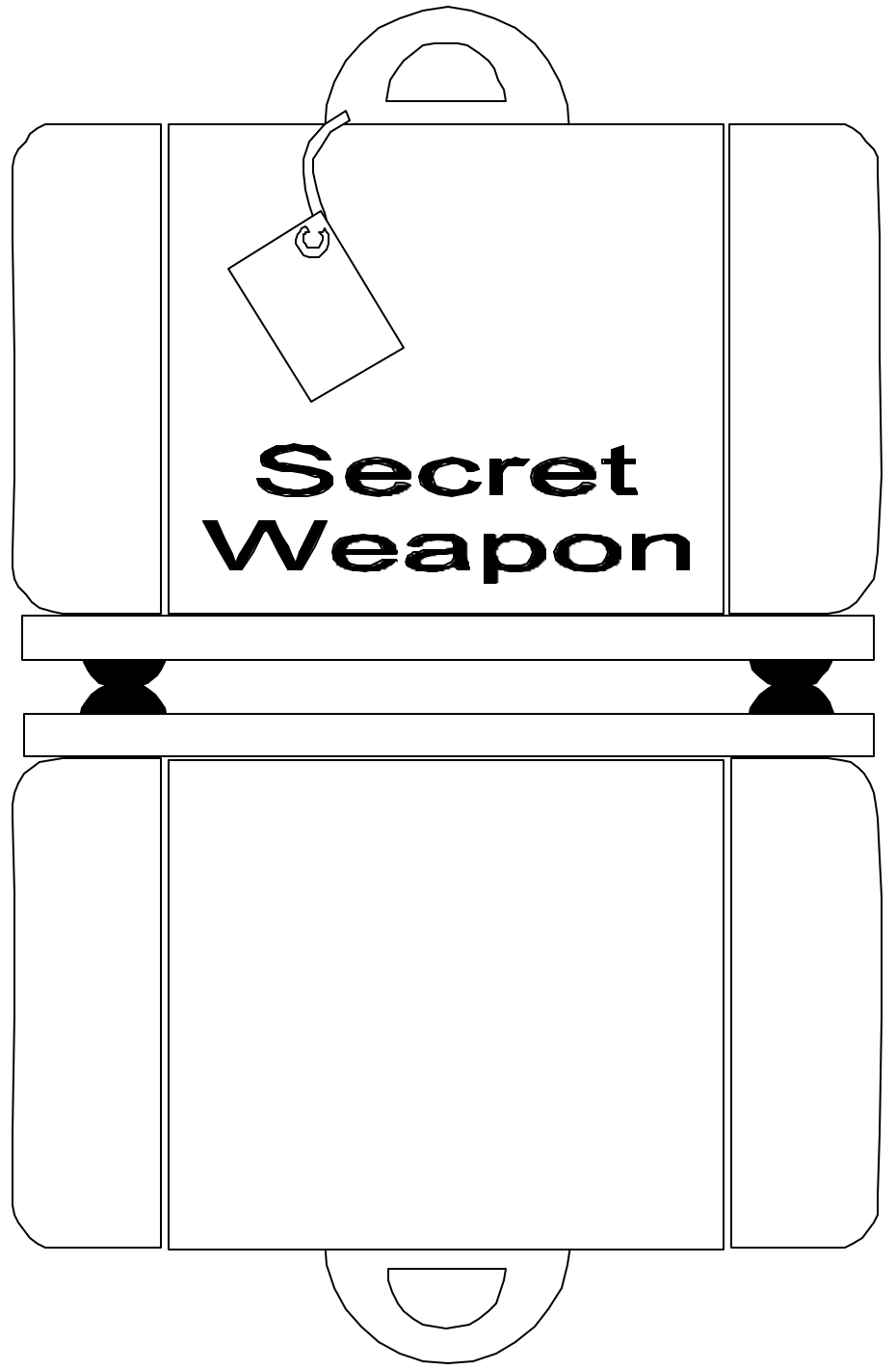
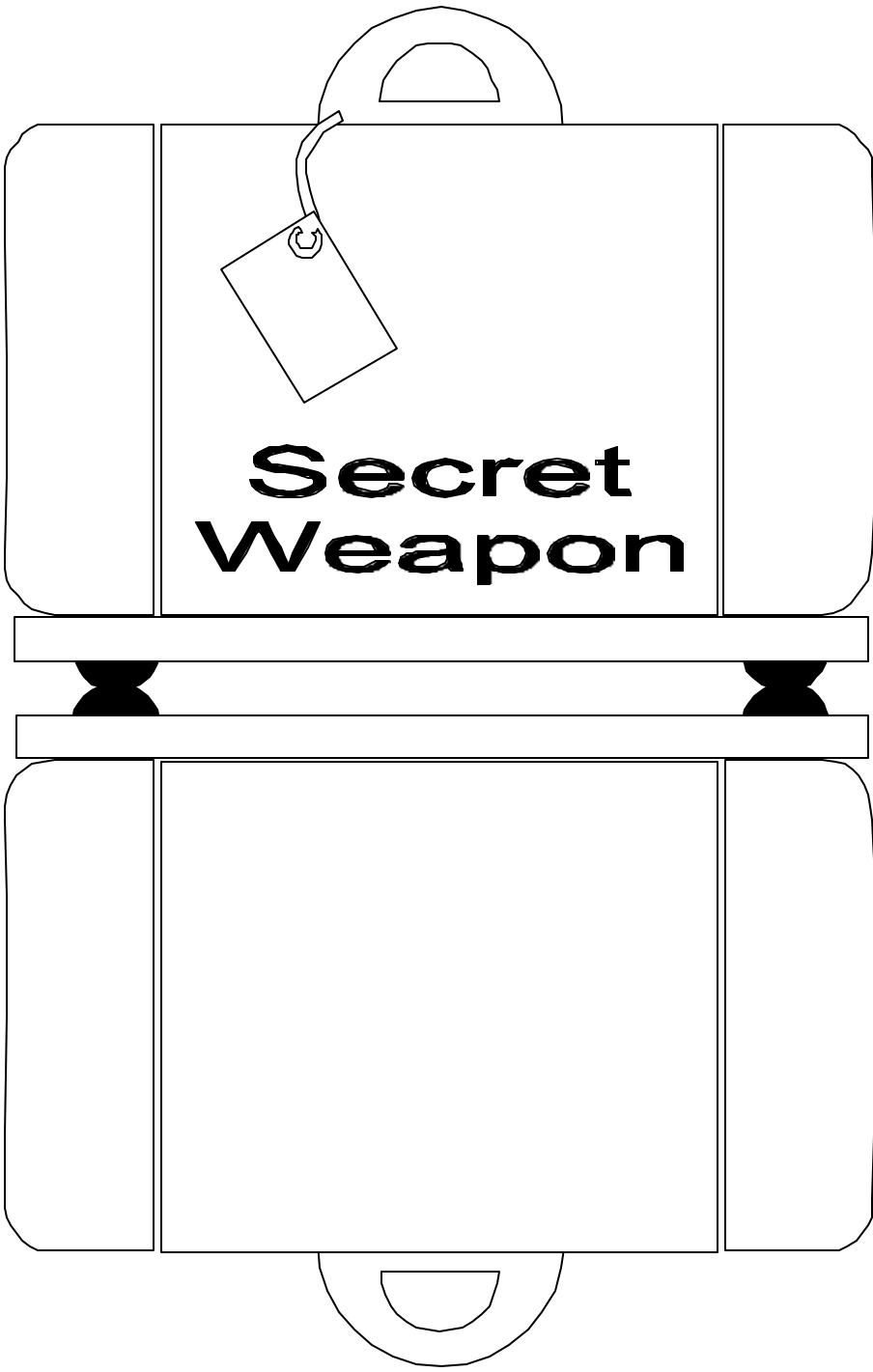


Proof of the King

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and color them.*



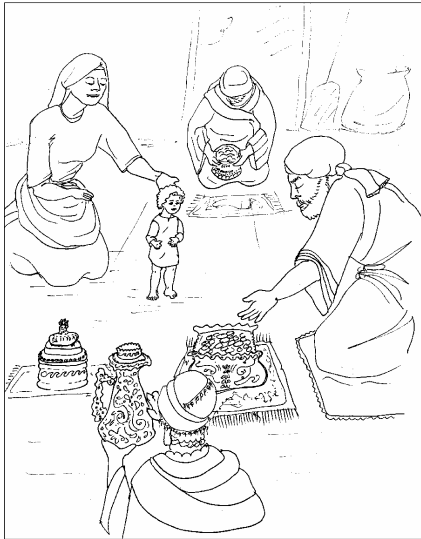
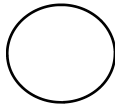




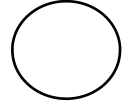
WHO KNEW HIS WORTH?

Read the verses listed beside each picture. Think about what you read as you color the picture. If the person/group in the picture realized Jesus' worth (King of Kings-worthy of all worship,) put a smiley face in the circle next to the picture. If not, put a frowning face in the circle.

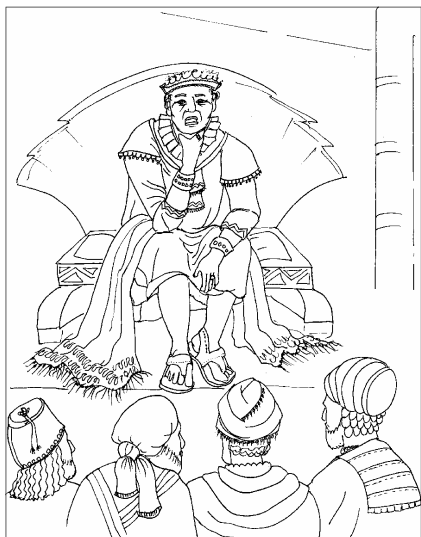
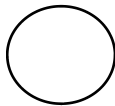
MATTHEW 2:1-2, 11



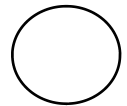
MATTHEW 1:20-25



MATTHEW 2:1-3, 13



LUKE 2:15-20



Jesus Christ is the King promised by God.
He is the One who died to save us from our sins.
He is worthy of our worship, trust, and obedience.

Jesus
came to
save people
from their
sins.

Jesus cast
out demons
from those who
were demon-
possessed.

At Jesus'
baptism,
God's Holy Spirit
came down from
heaven like a
dove and rested
upon Jesus.

Jesus
performed
miracles such
as healing the
sick among His
followers.

God said,
"This is my
Son (Jesus),
whom I love;
with Him I am
well pleased."

Jesus
did not
sin when He
was tempted
in the desert
by Satan.

Jesus
drove the
fastest car.

Jesus
ate
grasshoppers.

Jesus
wore fancy
clothes and
lived in a big
castle.

Jesus
was tricked
into sin when
He was in the
desert with
Satan.

When Jesus
was baptized,
God said, "This
man is nice. He
is a good leader
for you."

Believing
in Jesus will
help you to
become rich.

Jesus came
with a
huge army.

Jesus won
many battles
against the
Roman
soldiers.

The people
liked Jesus
better than
John.

Jesus did
many magic
tricks.

Jesus freed
the Israelites
from the rule
of the
Romans.

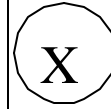
Jesus'
muscles were
very strong,
and He was a
great warrior.



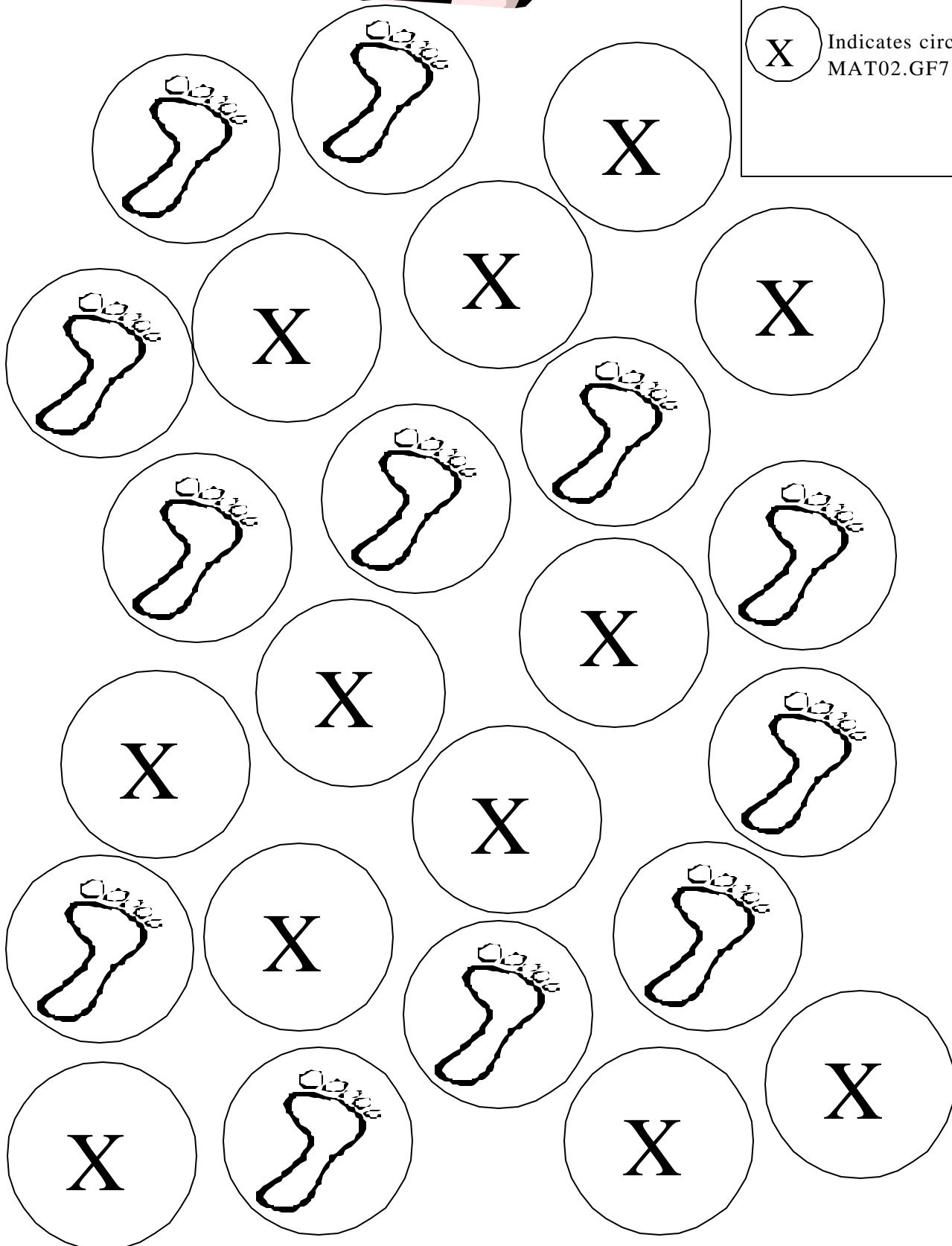
Diagram of circle placement on the wall:



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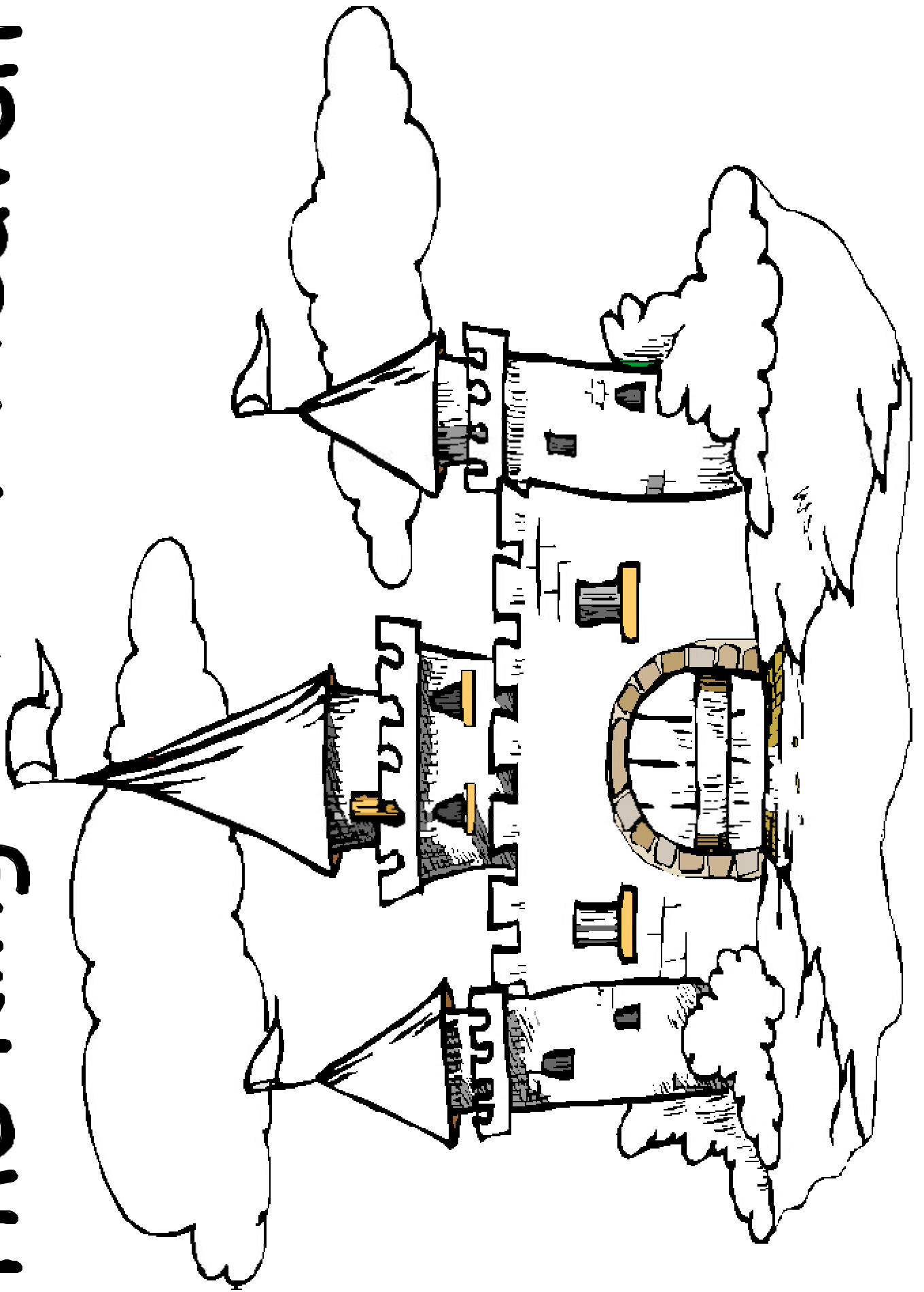


Indicates circles from MAT02.GF7 Pgs. 3 & 4.





The Kingdom of Heaven



FOLLOW THE ARROWS

FOLLOW THE ARROWS AND WRITE THE LETTERS IN THE BOX BELOW TO FIND TODAY'S MEMORY VERSE.

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; text-align: left;"> S T A R T ↓ </div>	H	E	E	A	A	T
R	T	K	H	V	M	T
E	R	I	F	E	R	H
P	O	N	O	N	A	E
E	F	G	M	I	E	W
N	T	D	O	S	N	4:17 b

FIND THE SPECIAL WORD IN THE MEMORY VERSE ABOVE AND DISCUSS ITS MEANING. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW TO FIND THE WORD.

CROSS OUT ALL THE LETTERS THAT APPEAR 4 TIMES IN THE BOXES TO THE LEFT AND UNSCRAMBLE THE REMAINING LETTERS AND PUT THEM ON THE LINES BELOW .

S	H	O	R	D	S
O	A	E	H	G	D
D	T	O	S	A	G
G	S	A	H	O	E
N	G	H	A	P	D

The Kingdom of Heaven

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	M	A	T	T	H	E	W		B	R	E	A	D
2	I	S	A	I	A	H	E	A	V	E	N	D	I
3	O	F	K	I	N	G	D	O	M	P	L	E	S
4	N	A	Z	A	R	E	T	H		E	I	V	D
5	C	A	P	E	R	N	A	U	M	N	G	I	E
6	I	N	A	P	H	T	A	L	I	T	H	L	S
7	T		G	A	L	I	L	E	E		T	P	E
8	Y	Z	E	B	U	L	U	N	E	A	R	R	R
9	D	A	R	K	N	E	S	S	P	I	R	I	T
10	F	O	R	F	A	S	T	I	N	G		S	
11	T	E	M	P	T	E	D	S	H	A	D	O	W
12	J	O	R	D	A	N	G	E	L	S		N	
13	D	E	A	T	H	V	O	I	C	E	T	H	E

The words below are found in Matthew Chapter 4. Find them in the puzzle above and circle them. The remaining words are found in Matthew 4:17b. Put them in the spaces below to find out the message Jesus preached. Be careful some letters are used more than once!

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|-----------|----------|---------|
| CAPERNAUM | ZEBULUN | FASTING |
| GALILEE | ANGELS | LIGHT |
| GENTILES | BREAD | TEMPTED |
| ISAIAH | CITY | VOICE |
| JORDAN | DARKNESS | SHADOW |
| NAPHTALI | DEATH | PRISON |
| NAZARETH | DESERT | |
| SPIRIT | DEVIL | |

_____ 4:17b

The Kingdom of Heaven Key

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	M	A	T	T	H	E	W	B	R	E	A	D	
2	I	S	A	I	A	H	E	A	V	E	N	D	I
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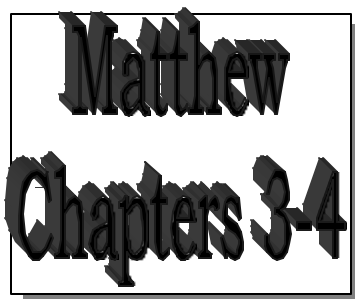
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Aim Questions

Answer the following questions about today's Bible Adventure.

1. Who was the man God used to introduce Jesus' ministry?
2. What did He tell the people that they must do?
3. Who else testified that Jesus was the Messiah?
4. What did Jesus tell the people?
5. Why did both John and Jesus have the same message?
6. What did Jesus do to prove that He was the Messiah?
7. What should you do in response?

John the Baptist and Jesus' message were the same: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." Jesus is calling you to turn from your sin and to Him so that you may be a part of the kingdom of heaven.



*"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."
Matthew 4:17b*

Passage Review Questions
Matthew Chapters 3-4

Who came out of the desert preaching repentance? (3:1)

Describe the way John was dressed. (3:4)

Did anyone take any interest in what he was preaching? (3:5)

What was the peoples' response to John's message? (3:6)

What was John's response to the Pharisees and Sadducees when they came to hear him preach? (3:7)

What was John's message to the Pharisees and Sadducees? (3:8)

Whom do you think John is describing? (3:11-12)

Why did Jesus go to meet John? (3:13)

What happened after Jesus was baptized? (3:16-17)

Why was Jesus led into the desert? (4:1)

Who tempted Jesus? (4:1-3)

How long did Jesus go without food? (4:2)

What was Jesus' response to the devil's first temptation? (4:4)

What was Jesus' response to the devil's second temptation?
(4:7)

What was Jesus' response to the devil's third temptation? (4:10)

Who came and took care of Jesus after the devil left him alone?
(4:11)

What happened to John during this time? (4:12)

Where did Jesus go after He left the desert? (4:12-13)

What was the message that Jesus preached? (4:17)

Describe how the first disciples were chosen. (4:18-20)

Entering the Kingdom of Heaven



#1
Admit our sin.

#2
*Ask for forgiveness,
recognizing that
only Christ can
save us.*

#3
*Turn our hearts
over to King
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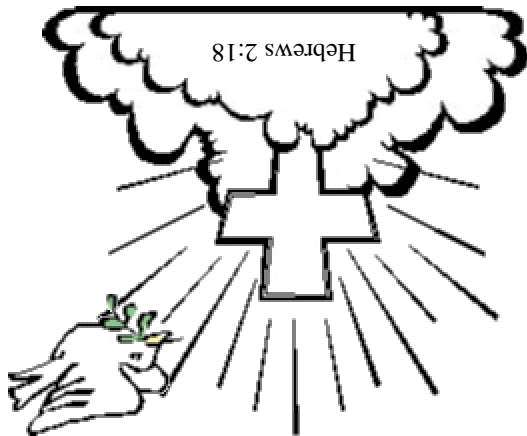
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“When I am tempted to sin,
I will turn to you Lord.”



“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.”
1 Corinthians 10:13

“When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ “For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.”
James 1:13-14

“To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy.”
Jude 24

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
James 4:7

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”
Ephesians 6:10-11

“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”
1 John 4:4

“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”
1 Peter 5:8

My head knows why I should follow Jesus.



Jesus performed miracles such as healing the sick among His followers.

At Jesus' baptism, God's Holy Spirit came down from heaven like a dove and rested upon Jesus.

Jesus cast out demons from those who were demon-possessed.

Jesus did not sin when He was tempted in the desert by Satan

Jesus never sinned.

Jesus fulfilled the signs of Old Testament prophecy.

Jesus came in righteousness.

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Messiah.

Jesus came to be baptized to show that He was a friend to sinners.

Jesus proved that He was the promised Messiah.

Jesus came to save people from their sins.

God said, "This is my Son (Jesus), whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

Below the text in each box, write the chapter and verse in Matthew where you find that proof.

But does my heart desire to follow Jesus?

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."



Matthew 4:17b

OBEDIENCE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Read my Bible							
Pray							
Obey my parents							
Tell the truth							
Love/Be kind to others							

We show our head knowlege by being able to tell others why we should follow Jesus.

But we show our heart's desire to follow Him by repenting (turning from our sin) and obeying Him.

Do you desire to follow Him? Test yourself this week. Color in the hearts as you obey Jesus in these areas each day.

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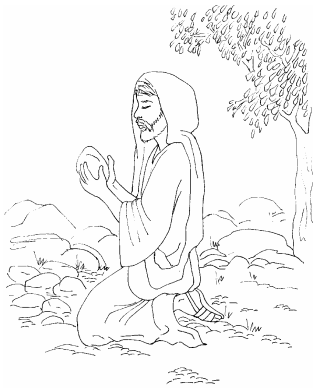
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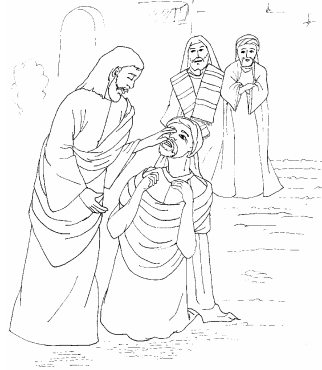
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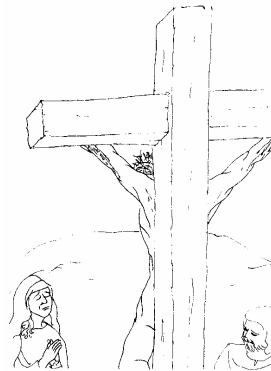
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