Jesus Chooses Helpers Matthew 4:18-22





One day Jesus walked by the big blue Sea of Galilee. He saw some fishermen in their boats. They were **throwing** their big fishing nets out into the water. Jesus knew two of these fishermen.

"Peter! Andrew!" Jesus called. Peter and Andrew looked to see who was calling their names! When they saw Jesus, they pulled their nets into their boat. They hurried to see Jesus.

When Peter and Andrew came to the beach, Jesus said, "**Come** and help Me tell people about God."

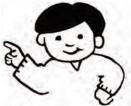
Peter and Andrew obeyed. They went with Jesus. They wanted to learn more about Him. They wanted to help others learn about Jesus, too. Now Jesus had two helpers.

Later Jesus and His two friends saw two other fishermen. "James and John!" Jesus called. "Come with Me!"



, Right away, James and John went, too. They were glad to go with Jesus. Now Jesus had **four** helpers.

On another day, Jesus walked by a man named Matthew. Matthew was at work. "Follow Me, Matthew," said Jesus.



Matthew got right up. He left everything! Now Jesus had FIVE friends to help Him! On other days, Jesus asked other people to be His helpers—until He had 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, **12** helpers.

Jesus told His 12 helpers many things about God. Then He sent them to different towns so that they could tell other people about God. Jesus' friends did just what Jesus said to do. They told other people about God!

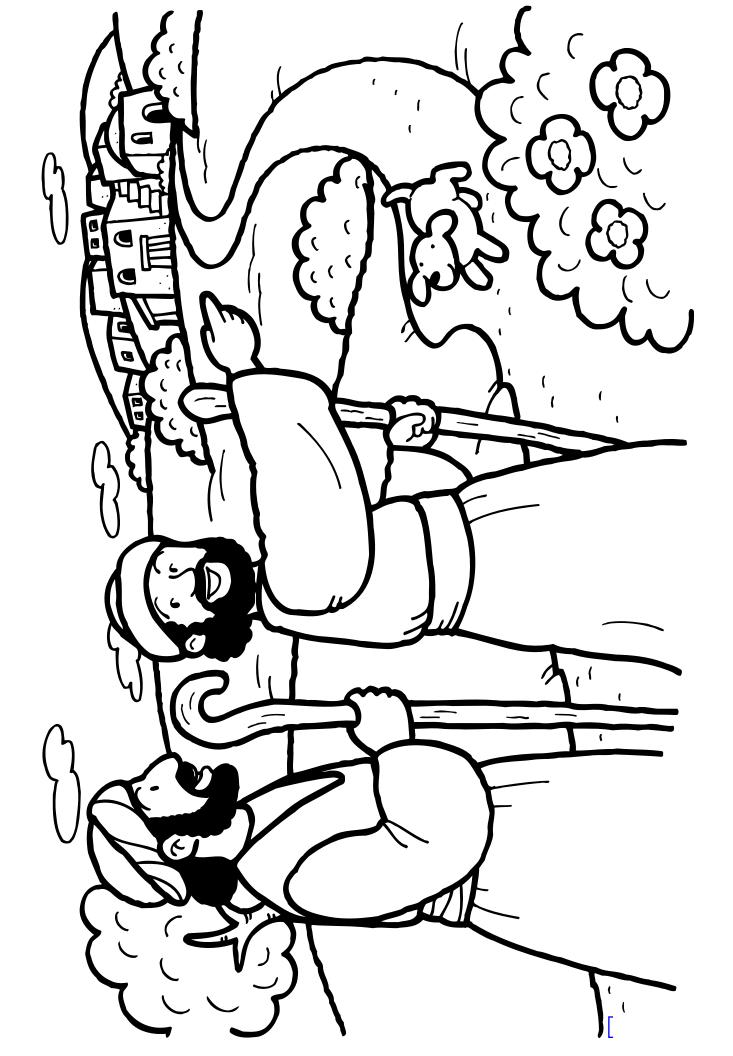


Spring Unit 1: Jesus is God's Son

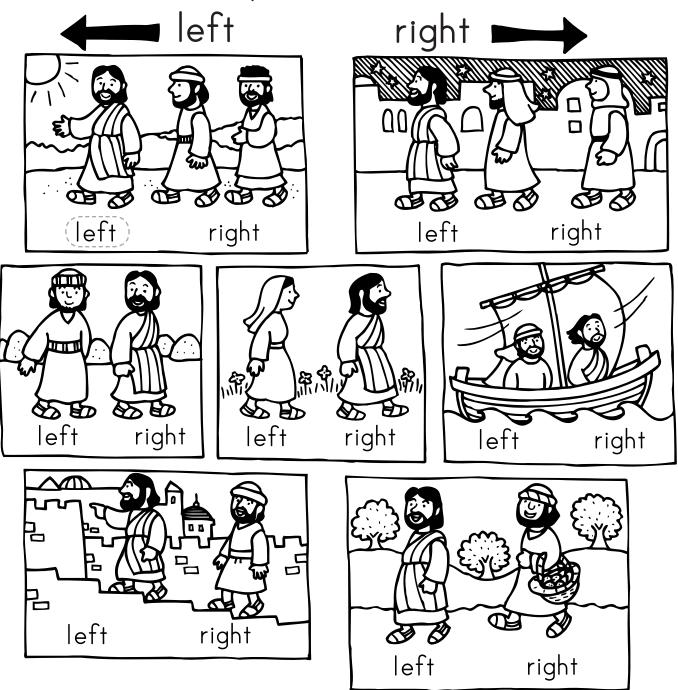
Bible Verse: "I will praise you, oh Lord, with all my heart. I will tell of all your wonders." Psalm 92:1

> **God's Word & Me (Bottom Line):** I can learn about God and His Son, Jesus.





In each picture, Jesus' helpers are following Him. Are they walking left or right? Draw a O around the correct word under each picture.



Bible Story Puzzle 21

Jesus' helpers followed Him. They learned about Jesus and God's love. We can learn about Jesus and God's love, too. The Bible tells us, "'Come, follow me,' Jesus said." Matthew 4:19



Draw a picture of yourself following Jesus.

Are you facing left or right? Write **left** or **right** under your picture.