

EKids at home with your family: Sunday 31st January 2021

The King's Priority



The Big Idea:

Jesus knew that his most important job was to tell people the good news about how to be in God's kingdom so he chose to spend less time healing people.



Aim:

Help the children to see how important it is, and how good for us it is to listen to what Jesus says.

What you will need today:

- A bible
- Scissors
- Colouring pencils
- The activity sheets

The Passage: Mark 1:29–39 (NIV)

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³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all who were ill and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: 'Everyone is looking for you!'

³⁸ Jesus replied, 'Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come.' ³⁹ So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

The story so far...

Jesus has been baptised and has begun his ministry. He has called his first disciples and has shown how much he cares about people by healing them from their illnesses.

In today's passage Jesus shows us what his main priorities are- talking to God his father, and something *even more* important and *even more* loving than healing people - he has come tell them that he is God's promised king come to save them!

Things to highlight:

- The amazing surprise: listening to Jesus is *even* better for us than being healed by him!
- Jesus takes time to pray to his father even when he's busy because it's important.

Pebbles and Rocks:

Introduction Activity: using playdough or drawing them, think of things that every person needs. E.g. food, a home, family friends, how many can you list and can you order them in importance?

Retelling the passage and explaining it:

As news of Jesus started to spread, lots of people came to him wanting to be healed of all sorts of illnesses! Jesus healed many people and made them better.

One morning Jesus got up early and went out to a place on his own so that he could spend time praying to his father God.

The disciples didn't know where he was, and when they found him they said "Jesus everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus said to his friends, "let's move on to the next village so that I can tell them about God's kingdom, because that is the reason that I have come!"

Jesus knew that people needed healing, but he also knew that they needed something even more important- they needed to hear how to be part of God's kingdom!

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The good news is:

Jesus has come to save us from our sins so that we can be friends with God again and be his children forever!

This is the best news ever! We need to listen to Jesus and hear everything that he's got to say!

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for sending Jesus into the world to show us how much you love us. Thank you that he told us the best news ever- that he had come to save us from our sin so that we can be in your kingdom! Help us to put our trust in Jesus, and to listen to him. We pray that lots of people in the world will also listen to what Jesus has to say to them.

Amen

Activities:

- TnT puzzle piece game (you can also colour this in before cutting it out!)
- colouring in sheets (see below)
- "listening to Jesus, my superhero" craft.

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Bounders and Rip Rap:

Chatting through the passage:

→**Way in question:** can you think of important things every person needs? (make a list! In order of importance, e.g. food, friends, water, a home, health...)

Read the passage:

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Activity: Complete TnT worksheets C or D to discover what Jesus thinks is everyone's greatest need.

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Activities:

1. TnT work sheets C (Boulders) D (RipRap).
2. Word search (see below)
3. Colouring in sheets (see below)
4. TnT puzzle piece game (you can also colour this in before cutting it out!)

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Tnt puzzle game information

1. Open and print page 1 of the puzzle game
2. Children can colour in the puzzle before you....
3. Fold the printed piece of paper in half and glue together so that the puzzle pieces match up front and back.
4. Cut out the puzzle pieces (make sure an adult does this!)



Options for the game:

- 1) As a family activity: place the puzzle pieces in a hat or a box. Take turns in pulling a piece out and completing the activity on the back.
- 2) As a family race: Choose someone to hide the pieces around the house, the rest of the family must collect them, do the challenges on the back and assemble the puzzle in a race against the clock.
- 3) As a sibling race: Print two copies of the puzzle and race to complete all the actions on the back of the puzzle pieces before assembling the puzzle.

“listening to Jesus, my superhero” craft.

When Jesus was on earth, many people thought of him as a kind of superhero because he healed many sick and poorly people!

Even though healing the sick was very important, Jesus knew it wasn't nearly as important as saving our hearts. So he made it his number one priority to preach and teach people all about God, being saved, and going to heaven.

Jesus was, is, and always will be the ONLY one who could ever have the power to save us, and we need him to save us so we can live with him forever in heaven. Jesus is the ultimate superhero with the ultimate super power. Jesus is the Son of God.

You will need:

- toilet paper rolls,
- ribbon or string
- scissors,
- glue sticks,
- sticky tape
- markers,
- stickers or other decorations
- a printed out version of the logo (1 for

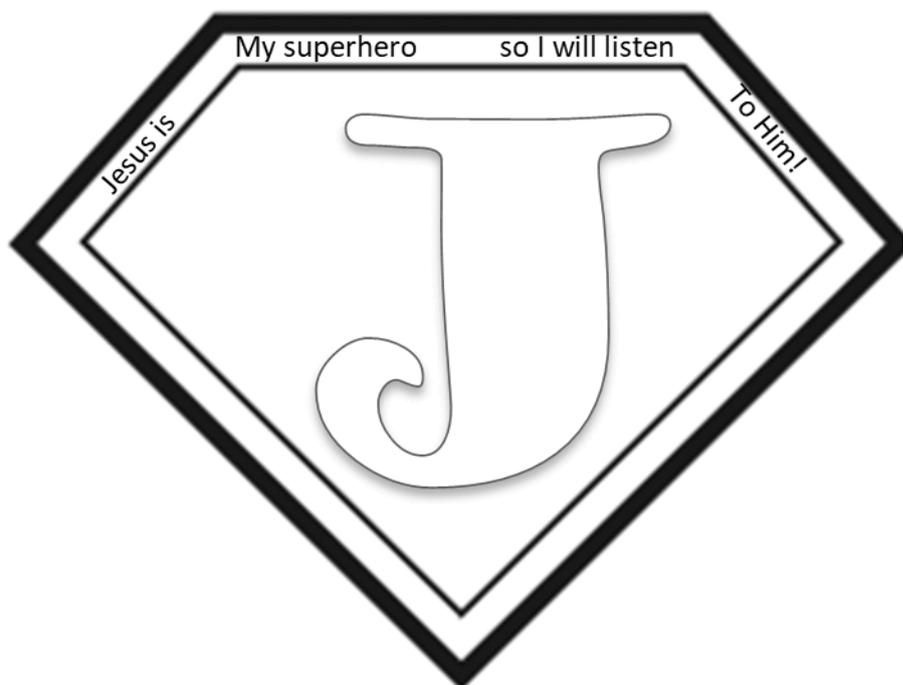
Instructions:

Cut a vertical line up each toilet paper tube (so that they can be worn as arm cuffs).

Print and cut out the logos
decorate the tubs and colour in the logos-
stick onto the tubes with glue or tape

Attach the big logo to a length of ribbon
with tape and tie it around their waist or
chest.

Logo:



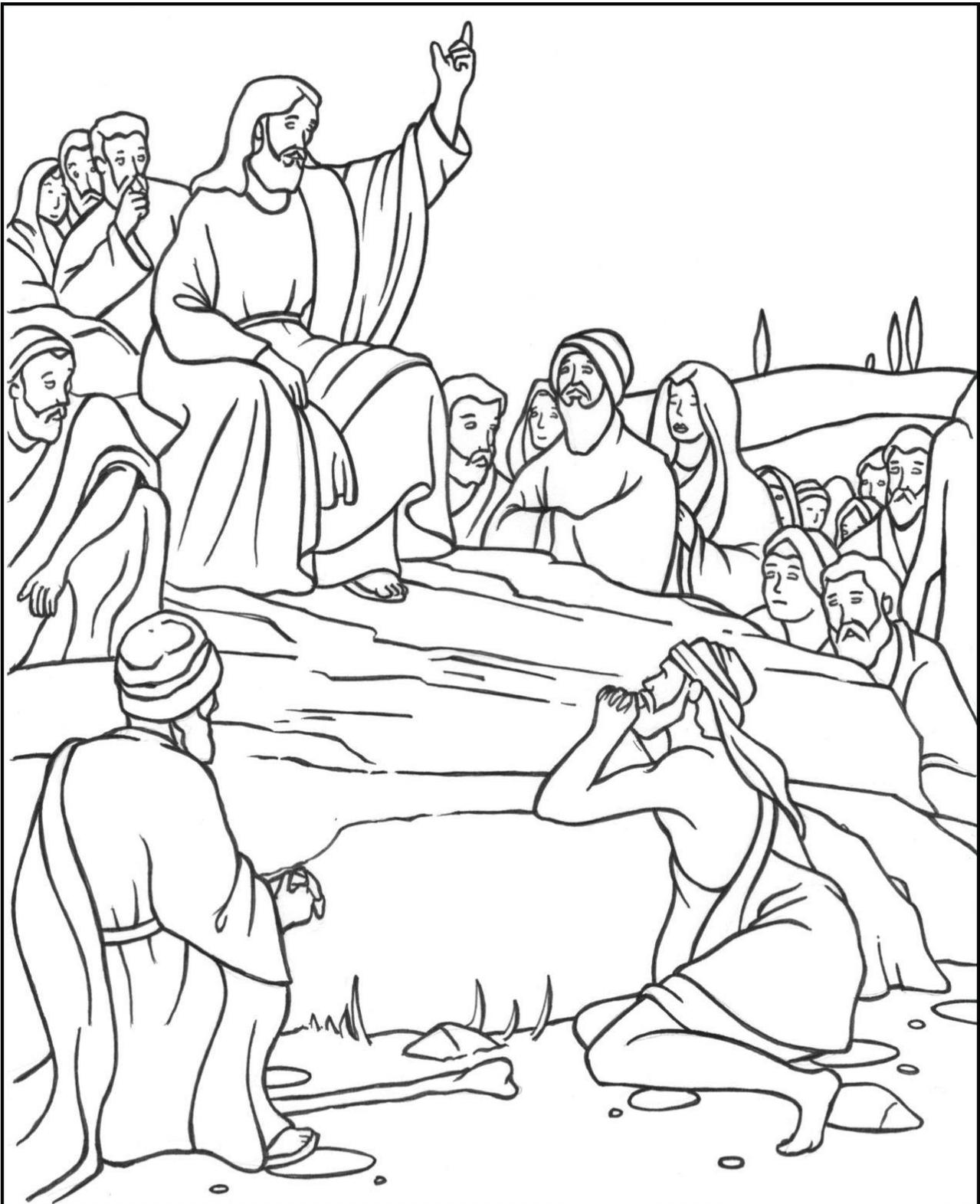
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- PRAYED
- SYNAGOGUE
- HEALED
- GALILEE
- SPEAK
- MOTHER
- MORNING
- EVERYONE
- SIMON
- JESUS
- FEVER
- PREACH

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1901965/>

Telling people about God's Kingdom was Jesus' most important Job- that's why he came!





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