

Kids Sunday Activities

Matthew 20: 17-34

Today we are thinking about what makes somebody great. We might think that someone who is great should be able to tell others what to do and get people to serve them. Jesus says in God's kingdom great people are the ones who serve others. We get to see today that Jesus is the greatest because he served us by dying for us so that we can be part of God's kingdom

In the Old Testament Daniel saw the Son of Man in a vision. The Son of Man was very great and had power. Jesus says he is the Son of Man, and he is going to serve us by dying and that makes him the greatest.

Jesus Foretells His Death a Third Time

¹⁷ And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸ "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

A Mother's Request

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²² Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³ He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ^[a] ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ^[b] ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Here is an example of Jesus serving others

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

²⁹ And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. ³⁰ And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they

cried out, "Lord,^[c] have mercy on us, Son of David!" ³¹The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" ³²And stopping, Jesus called them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³³They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." ³⁴And Jesus in pity touched their

Listen carefully to Rich as helps us understand today's bible passage, use the questions below to help you.

Who is the greatest person you have ever met?

Fill in the blanks

1. To be _____ serve _____ .

2. _____ is the _____ of all.

3. Be _____ Jesus.

Though Jesus is the Son of Man

He came **Not** to be served

But to serve

Though I am really good

I will **Not** boast

But I will help others

Though _____

Not _____

But _____



Say thank you to Jesus coming to serve us.

Ask God to help you to want to serve others

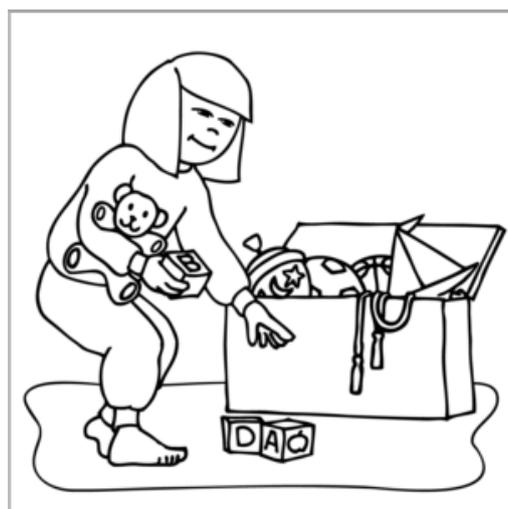
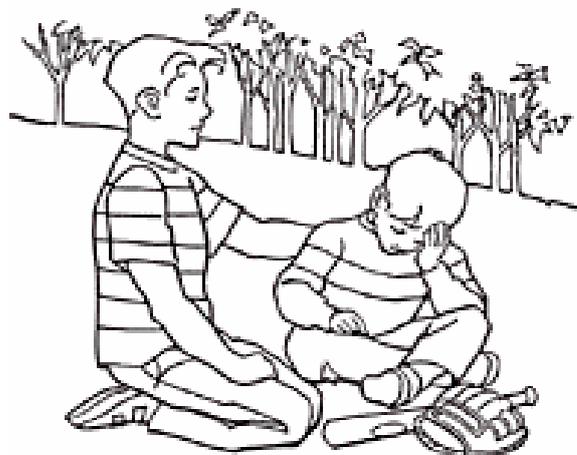
Ask God to show you how to serve others

Circle the statement that explains what Greatness is like in God's Kingdom

Telling others what to do and getting them to serve you

Suffering
Serving others

Here are some ways of serving others-can you work out what they are and colour them in?

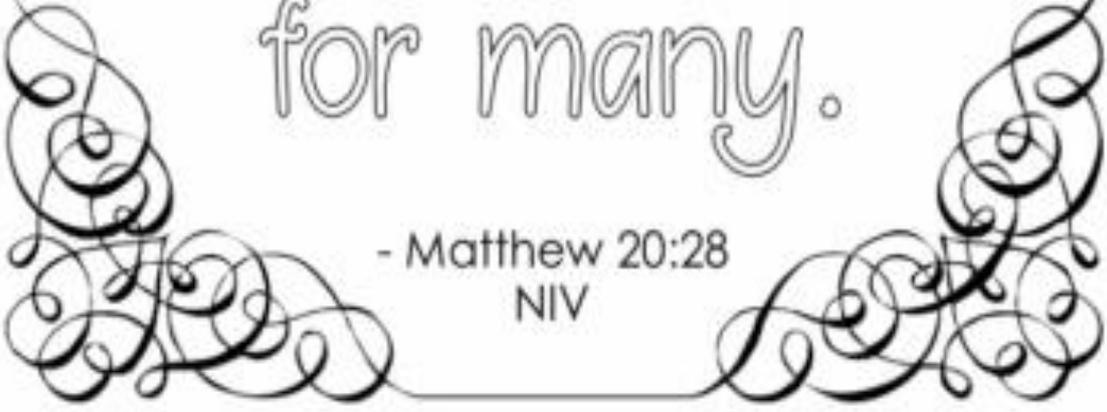


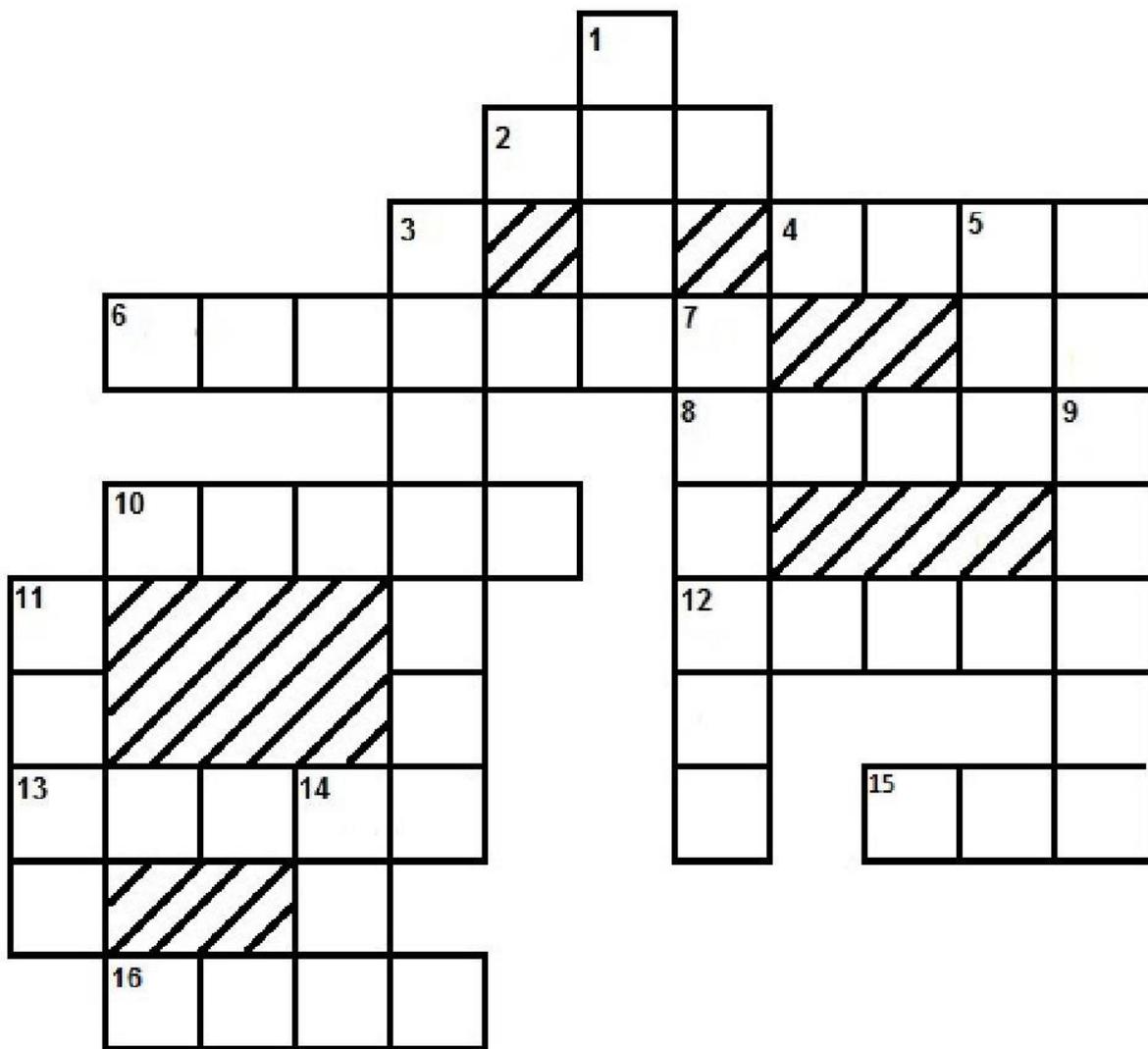
Draw something else you could do to serve



Just as the
Son of Man
did not come to be served,
but to serve,
and to
give His life
as a ransom
for many.

- Matthew 20:28
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ACROSS

- 2. Belonging to him
- 4. Arrived
- 6. Anybody
- 8. In a group
- 10. Dedicated servant
- 12. To do for others
- 13. Before second
- 15. Negative word
- 16. A large group

DOWN

- 1. Transfer possession
- 3. One who does for others
- 5. A human being
- 7. To pay to free someone
- 9. Highly esteemed
- 11. To have existence
- 14. Looks like the father

WORD BANK "It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:26-28 ESV©