

Bible Activities for kids *on the Life of Jesus*

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Who is Jesus?

- DAY 1 **Jesus at the Temple** Luke 2:22-52
- DAY 2 **Jesus Baptism and Calling the 1st Disciple** Mark 1:9-45
- DAY 3 **Transfiguration and Jesus Predicts His Death** Mark 9:2-13 and 30-36
- DAY 4 **Jesus Teaches Nicodemus** John 3:1-36
- DAY 5 **Jesus Discusses His Father and the Holy Spirit** John 14:5-31
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- DAY 7 **The Resurrection of Jesus** John 20:1-31

LION AND LAMB

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—Revelation 5:5-6

INTRODUCTION

Let's pretend you're an author writing a novel. You're trying to think of a good way to describe your characters—how they look, how they act, what kind of personality they have. You want to do it in a way that's interesting but will also quickly show readers what the characters are like. So instead of writing something like, "He was large and strong," you decide to write, "He was an ox." And instead of writing, "She was very stubborn and uncooperative," you write, "She was a mule." This is called a *metaphor*.

Jesus sometimes used metaphors when he talked about people. He once referred to a man as a "fox" because the man was cunning and sly. He called the Pharisees "snakes" because they were loathsome and dangerous. What's more, the Bible uses metaphors to describe Jesus! These metaphors help us understand who Jesus is and what he is like.

Today's devotion is based on Revelation 5:5-6, in which the apostle John wrote, "One of the elders said to me, '... See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed....' Then I saw a Lamb." The devotion is called "Lion and Lamb."

DEVOTION

Gavin shielded his eyes against the blizzard. Suddenly Bryce slumped in the snow. "Just leave me."

Gavin shouted, "No!" Pulling his brother up, Gavin dragged him forward.

Then he saw their house through the snow. And he heard their mom call, "Lunchtime!" Gavin dropped Bryce, and they raced to the door, laughing. Their mom said, "I'm glad you're enjoying your 'arctic expedition.' It may be your last one this winter. The month of March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb."

Bryce kicked off his boots. "What does that mean?"

Smiling, his mom replied, "It means that when March arrives, it's wintry and powerful, like a lion. But by the time it leaves, it's springlike and mild, like a lamb."

Jesus is a lion, strong and mighty. He's also a lamb, gentle and meek. You can see both his strength and his meekness in John 18:1-13. With three words, Jesus knocked a bunch of soldiers to the ground. Yet he let them arrest him so he could die to save the world. When you worship Jesus, remember that he is the Lion of Judah and the Lamb of God.

WORDS TO TREASURE

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

—*Revelation 5:12*

QUESTIONS

1. What metaphor would you use to describe yourself? You can use any kind of metaphor; it doesn't have to be an animal one. Maybe you're a river or a sports car or a tree!
2. When the Bible calls Jesus a lamb, what words do you think of that would describe him?

Answers include: meek, mild, humble, gentle, obedient ...

3. When the Bible calls Jesus a lion, what words do you think of that would describe him?

Answers include: strong, majestic, kingly, fearsome ...

4. Does it make sense to you that Jesus is called both a lion and a lamb? How is it possible for both metaphors to be true?

The answer is: each metaphor helps us understand different qualities about Jesus and how he acts at different times.

5. Can you think of any other metaphors the Bible uses to describe Jesus? What about God the Father? What about the Holy Spirit?

Answers include: "cornerstone" and "capstone" for Jesus; "rock" and "fortress" for God the Father; and "wind," "water," and "fire" for the Holy Spirit.

6. What do these metaphors teach you about each of them?

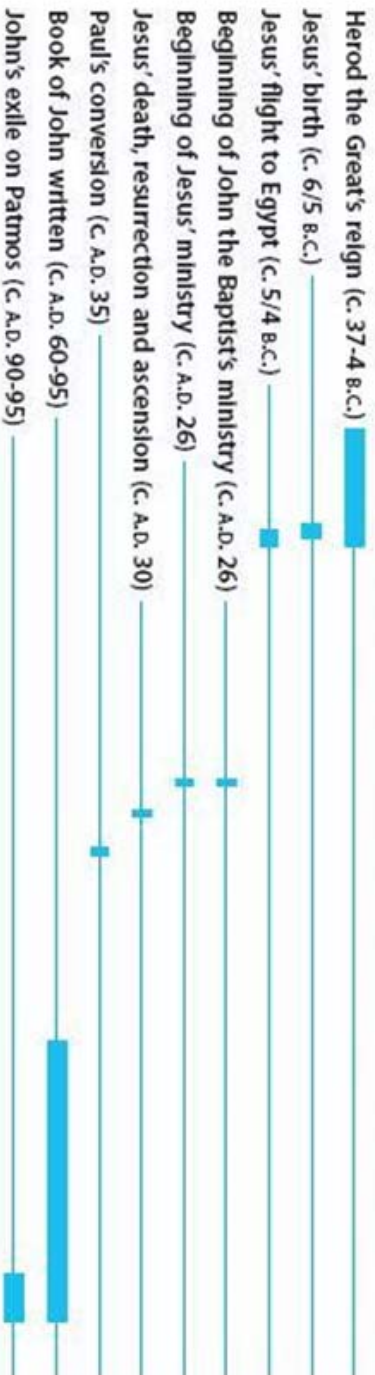
Consider spending some time playing a game or doing an exercise to help children memorize the "Words to Treasure" Scripture verse.

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John

When did these things happen?

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JESUS'S DISCIPLES

Can you find all the words in this word search?

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

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 apostles
 Bartholomew
 disciples
 fishermen

fishers of men
 followers
 James
 John
 Judas

Matthew
 Matthias
 Peter
 Philip
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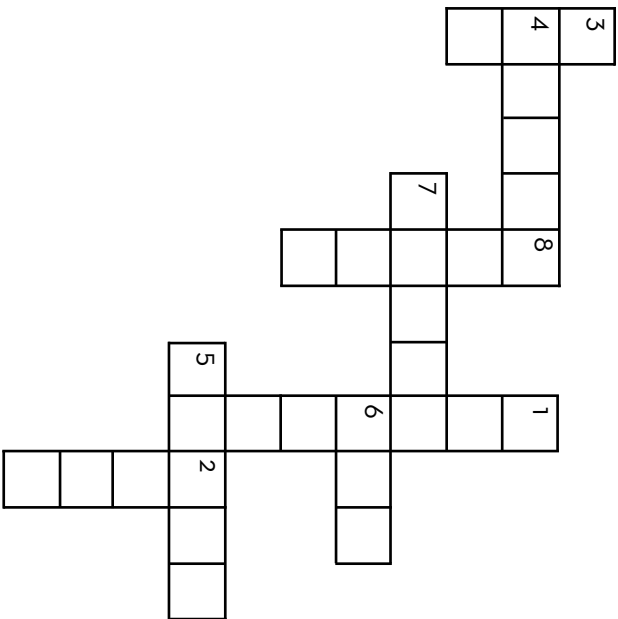
students
 tax collector
 Thaddaeus
 Thomas
 zealot

JESUS' MIRACLES

1. During the _____, Jesus had a conversation with Moses and Elijah (Luke 9).
2. Jesus cured many people who suffered from _____, a highly contagious skin disease (Luke 5).
3. _____ was the name of the blind man of whom Jesus restored his sight (Mark 10).
4. The _____ is perhaps Jesus' greatest miracle (Matthew 28).
5. The Centurion's servant was cured because of his master's _____ in Jesus (Luke 7).
6. During his forty days in the desert, the devil asked Jesus to turn _____ in to _____ to prove he was the son of God (Luke 8).
7. As the disciples witnessed when caught in a storm, even the _____ and the _____ obeyed Jesus (Mark 4).
8. The leader of the synagogue was angry because Jesus healed a woman on the _____, the holiest day of the week (Luke 13).
9. Jesus raised _____ from the dead, much to his sisters' delight (John 11).
10. _____ was the first person to see Jesus after his Resurrection (John 20).
11. _____ asked Jesus to perform his first miracle of turning water into wine (John 2).
12. The _____ is when Jesus was taken up to Heaven body and soul (Luke 24).
13. On the Mount of Olives, when Jesus was arrested, one of the disciples cuts off a servant's _____ (Luke 22).
14. Because of her faith, a sick woman had only to touch Jesus' _____ to be healed (Mark 5).
15. The greatest _____ is to love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength (Mark 12).
16. The _____ is where Jesus first consecrated the body and blood (Mark 14).
17. Jesus fed thousands of people with only a few _____ of _____ and a couple _____ (Matthew 14).
18. Jesus healed Mary, Peter's _____ - _____ - _____, from a dangerous fever (Matthew 8).
19. Out of the ten lepers Jesus healed, only _____ came back to thank him (Luke 17).
20. Jesus told many _____, or stories, to teach his followers lessons (Mark 4).

One	Last Supper	Mother-in-Law	Loaves/Bread/Fishes
Lazarus	Cloak	Mary Magdalene	Transfiguration
Faith	Ear	Sabbath	Resurrection
Mary	Bartimaeus	Wind/Water	parables
Leprosy	Stone/Bread	Commandment	Ascension

Can you figure out this crossword puzzle?



- ACROSS**
- Jesus _____ us so very much.
 - God's Son who was sent to earth as a human.
 - _____ is awesome because he created the universe.
 - Denied Jesus on the night before Jesus died.

- DOWN**
- Jesus _____ Peter.
 - Jesus died for our _____.
 - Jesus is able to forgive _____ of our sins.
 - Jesus asked Peter to feed his _____.

ANSWER KEY | ACROSS 1. 1. ALL 2. SHEEP 3. ALL 4. SHEEP 5. GOD 6. PETER 7. PETER 8. SHEEP

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FORGIVENESS FOR SIN

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETIN

God loves us all very much. God is like a father to us, especially because he cares for us and forgives us of our sins.

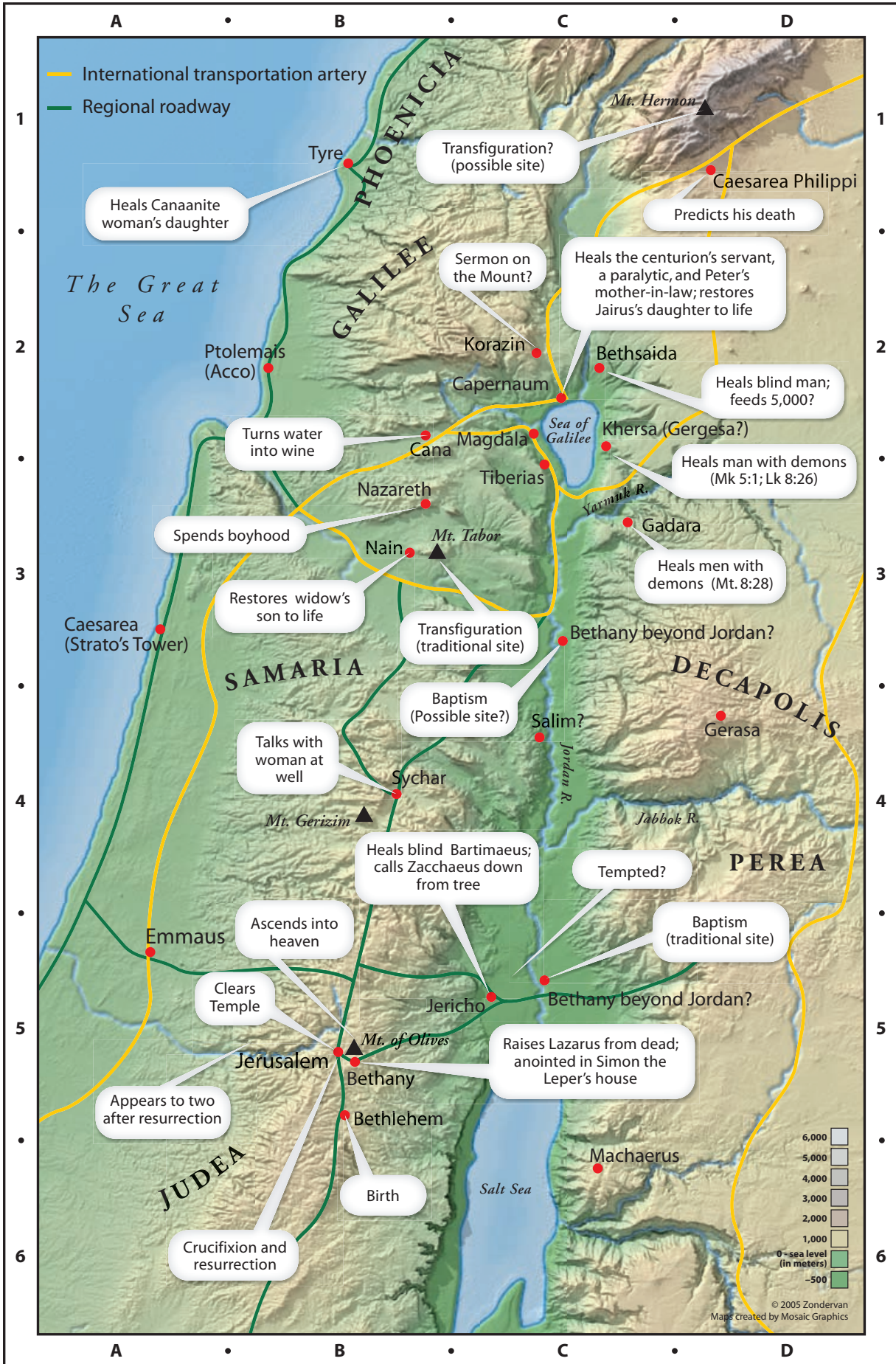


Color this picture of the young boy and his father.

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For help with these activities, read John 21:15-17, and the "Live It!" article on page 1196 in the NIV Adventure Bible.

Map 11: JESUS' MINISTRY



Have you ever been mean to someone else?

Has someone ever made you feel sad?

Write or draw about a time when you had to forgive someone or they had to forgive you.

Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks below.

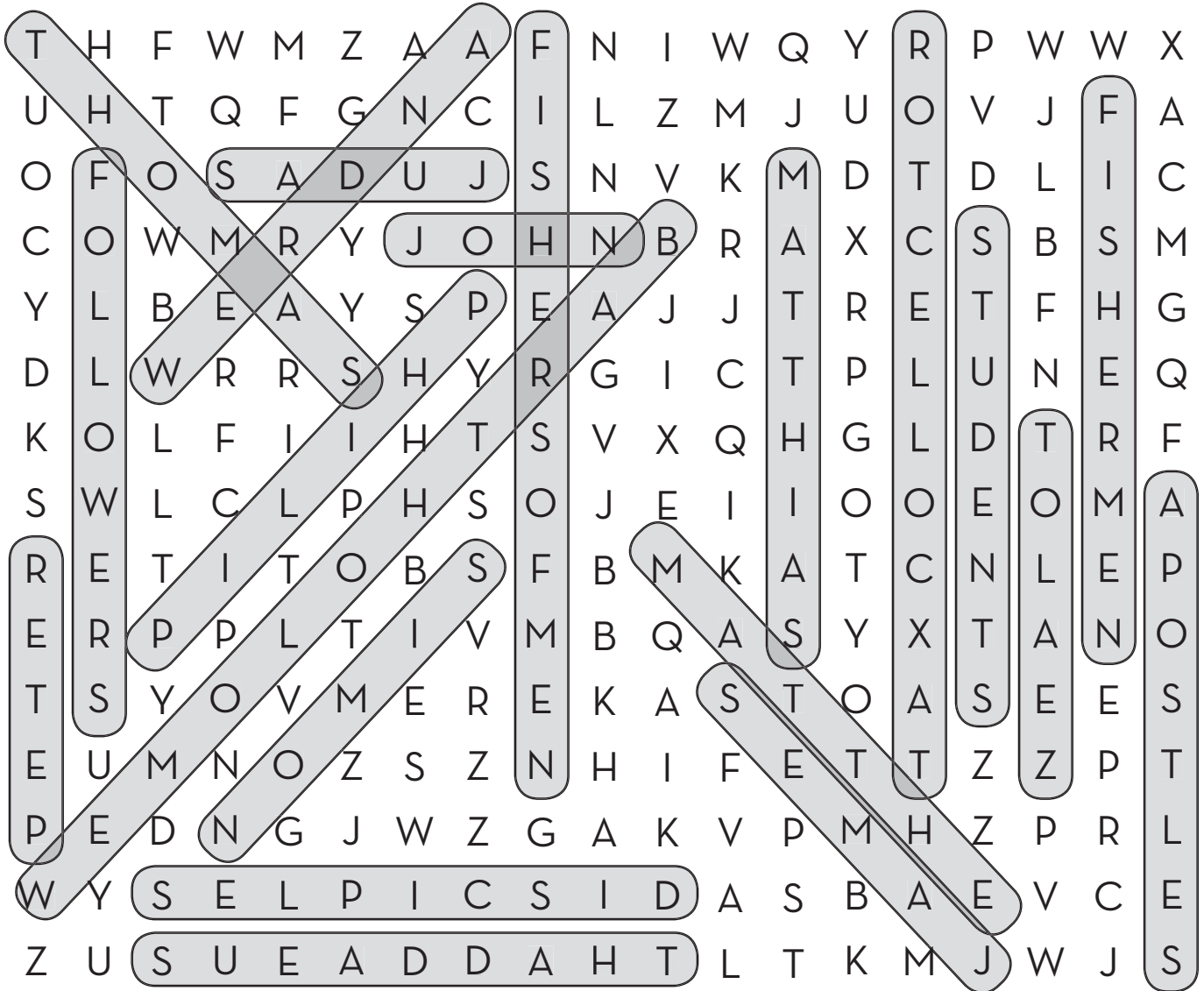
Word Bank

sheep Peter loves Jesus
cross Son forgiven God

1. _____ sent his Son to earth.
2. _____ is our Savior and he is the Son of God.
3. Jesus died on a _____.
4. Jesus died so that all our sins can be _____.
5. Jesus is God's _____.
6. God _____ us very much.
7. Jesus forgave _____ for betraying him.
8. Jesus asked Peter to feed his _____.

JESUS'S DISCIPLES *Answer key*

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apostles
Bartholomew
disciples
fishermen

fishers of men
followers
James
John
Judas

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Matthias
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