1. The Return to Nazareth

Joseph returned to Nazareth with Jesus and his mother. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and all the people. (Matthew 2:21, Luke 2:51)

2. Jesus Speaks with the Teachers

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. Three days later His parents discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. (Luke 2:41-47)

3. John the Baptist Prepares the Way

A message from God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the wilderness. Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. (Luke 3:3-4)

4. Jesus, the Lamb of God

Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (Matthew 3:13, John 1:29)

5. Jesus is Baptized

John agreed to baptize Jesus. After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.” (Matthew 3:15-17)

6. John’s Disciples Follow Jesus

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. (John 1:35-37)

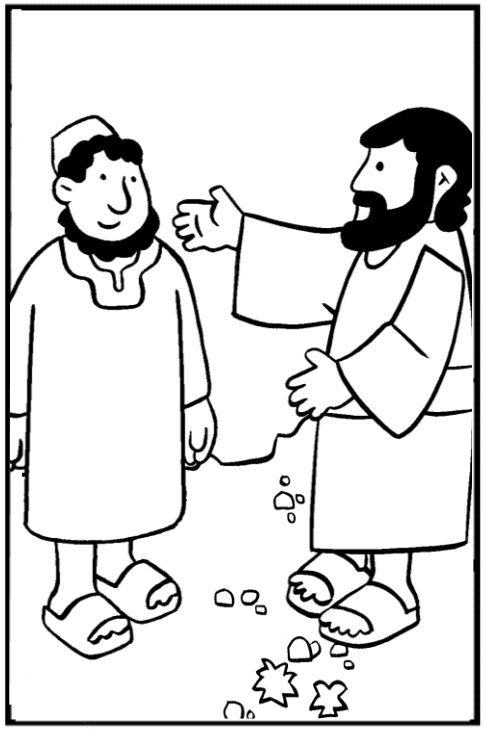
7. The First Disciples

Jesus looked around and saw them following. “What do you want?” he asked them. They replied, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

“Come and see,” he said. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day. (John 1:39-40)

8. Jesus Calls Phillip

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” (John 1:43)



9. Phillip and Nathaniel

Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

“Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

“Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied. (John 1:45-46)

10. Jesus and Nathaniel

As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity. I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.” Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!”

Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this. I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.” (John 1:47-50)

11. Jesus Calls Four Fishermen

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him.

A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee. He called them to come, too. They immediately followed him. (Matthew 4:18-22)

12. Jesus Calls Matthew

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector’s booth. “Follow me and be my disciple,” Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. (Matthew 9:9)

13. The Wedding at Cana

There was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. (John 2:2-3)

14. Jesus Changes Water into Wine

The wine supply ran out during the festivities. Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.

When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, he called the bridegroom over. "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "But you have kept the best until now!" (John 2:3,7-10)

15. Jesus and Nicodemus

Jesus explained to Nicodemus what a person must do to have salvation and eternal life.

Jesus said, "God loves the world so much that He gave His only Son, and whoever believes in Him will have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him." (John 3:1,16-17)

16. Jesus and a Samaritan Woman

As Jesus and His followers traveled through Samaria, Jesus took a rest near a well. There He met a Samaritan woman and spoke to her about the "water of life." Jesus told her, "Those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

After Jesus told the woman that He was the Messiah, she ran back to the village, telling everyone about Jesus. The people came streaming from the village to see Him and many believed in Jesus that day. (John 4)

17. Jesus Heals an Official's Son

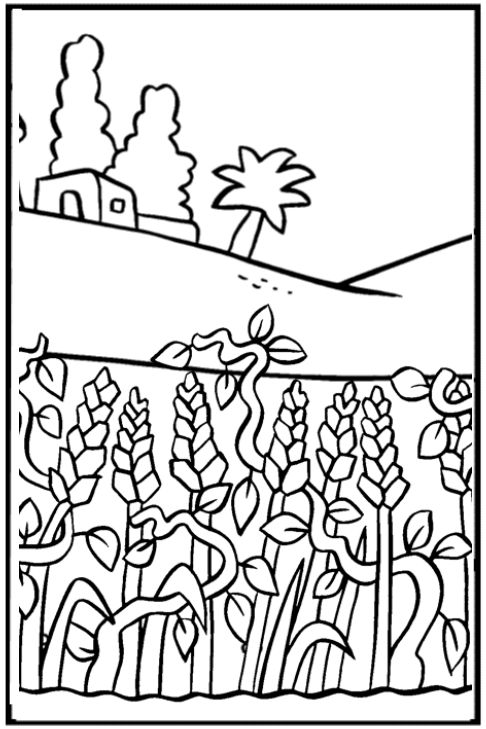
At the end of the two days, Jesus went on to Galilee. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick. He went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die. Jesus told him, "Go back home. Your son will live!" The man believed what Jesus said and started home. While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well. (John 4:43-51)

18. Crowds Follow Jesus

Jesus began teaching by the lakeshore. A very large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat in the boat while all the people remained on the shore. He taught them by telling many stories in the form of parables. (Mark 4:1-2)

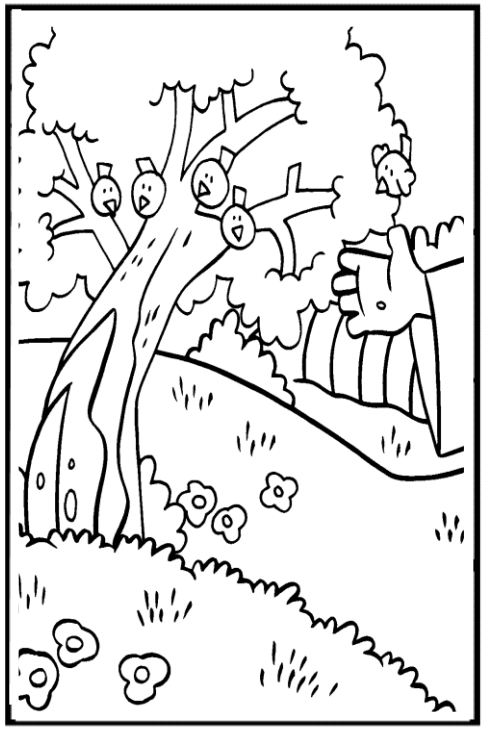
19. Parable of the Growing Seed

Jesus also said, "The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he's asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come." (Mark 4:26-29)



20. The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Jesus said, "How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade." (Mark 4:30-32)



21. The Parable of the Sower

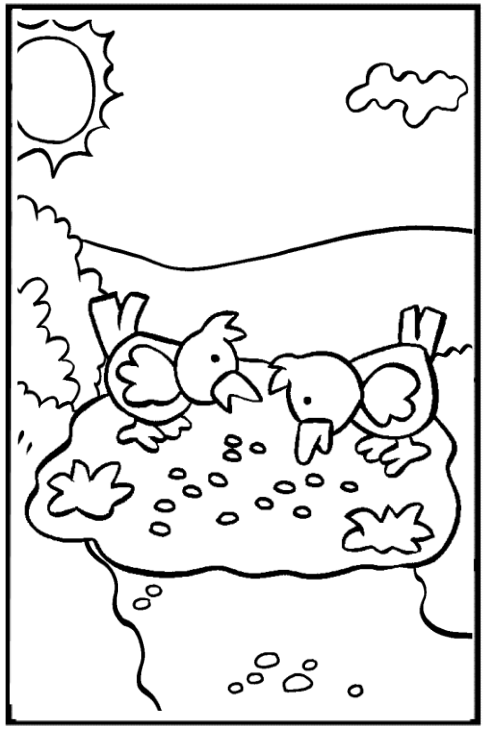
"Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed. As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly, but the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop!" (Mark 4:3-8)

22. The Farmer

Later, when Jesus was alone with the twelve disciples and with the others who were gathered around, they asked him what the parables meant. He replied, "The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others." (Mark 4:10-11,14)

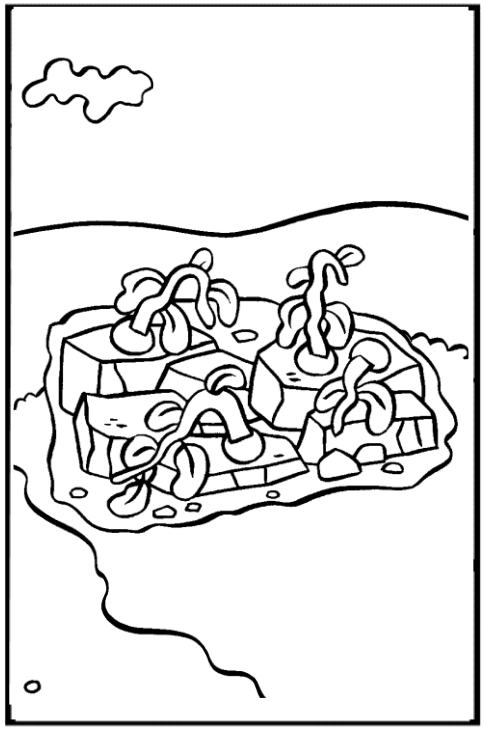
23. The Birds

The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away. (Mark 4:15)



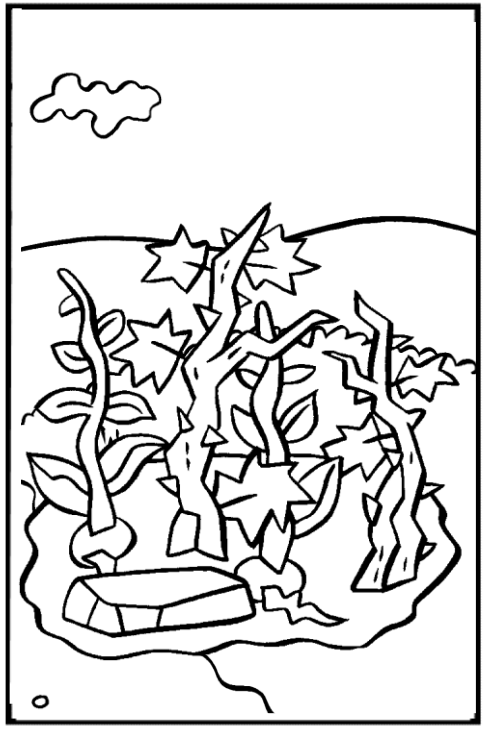
24. The Seeds on the Rocks

The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. (Mark 4:16-17)



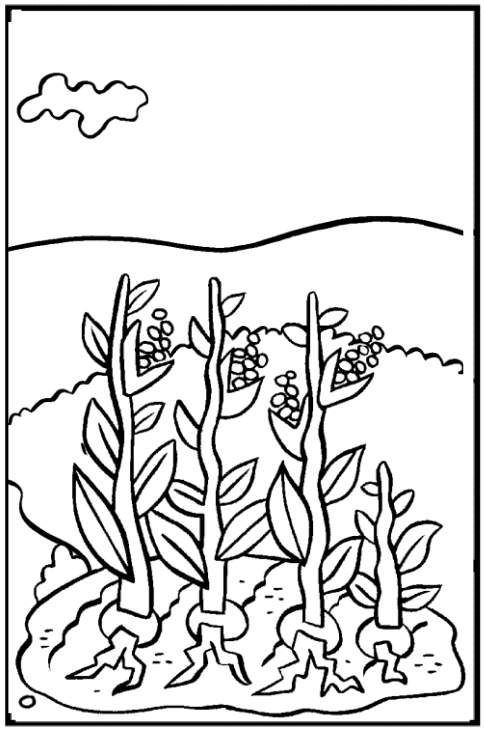
25. Seeds on the Thorns

The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, [19] but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. (Mark 4:18-19)



26 . Seeds on Good Ground

And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!" (Mark 4:20)



27. Jesus Casts Out a Demon

Then Jesus went to Capernaum and taught there in the synagogue every Sabbath day. Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil spirit—cried out, shouting, "Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

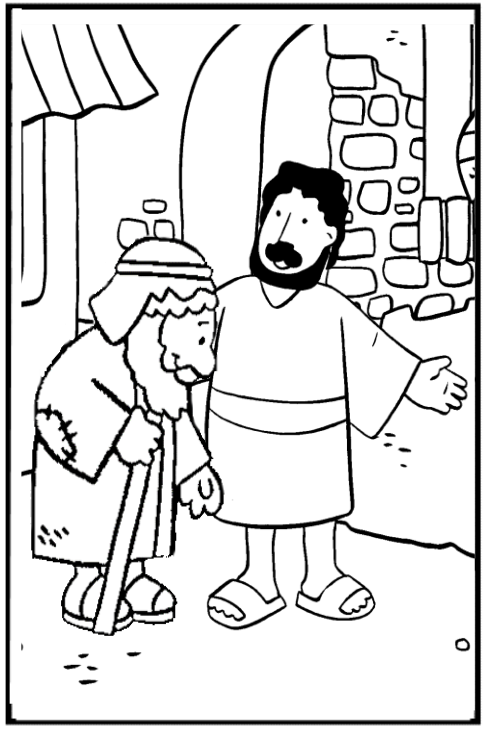
Jesus reprimanded him. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered. At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of him without hurting him further. (Luke 4:31-35)

28. Jesus Heals Simon's Mother in Law

After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went to Simon's home, where he found Simon's mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. "Please heal her," everyone begged. Standing at her bedside, he rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once and prepared a meal for them. (Luke 4:38-39)

29. Jesus Heals a Leper

In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. “Lord,” he said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.” Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared. (Luke 5:12-13)



30. Jesus Continues to Preach

Early the next morning Jesus went out to an isolated place. The crowds searched everywhere for him, and when they finally found him, they begged him not to leave them. But he replied, “I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent.” So he continued to travel around, preaching in synagogues throughout Judea. (Luke 4:42-44)