



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

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Narrative Lectionary

Matthew 9:10-13



Who Needs a Doctor Object: A stethoscope.

I am sure that all of you have seen a stethoscope. Who uses a stethoscope? That's right, a doctor. Have you ever been sick? Of course you have, we have all been sick at some time. When you were sick, did you go to the doctor's office, or did the doctor come to your house? You probably went to the doctor's office because that is the way it is done these days. You might be surprised to know that at one time it was quite normal for doctors to make "house calls." The doctor would carry a little black bag filled with medical supplies and go to the homes of those who were sick.

That's a good picture of what Jesus did when he was on earth. He went where the people were -- especially people who were hurting or had problems in their life. One such person that Jesus ministered to was a tax collector by the name of Matthew. Tax collectors were hated in Jesus' day because they were often greedy and dishonest. Jesus changed Matthew's life and he became one of Jesus' disciples. One day Jesus went to Matthew's home to eat dinner with him. Many of Matthew's old friends came there to listen to Jesus teach. The religious leaders of the day were very displeased that Jesus was even talking to such people, much less eating with them!

They asked his disciples, "Why does your master eat with these sinners?"

Jesus heard them and answered, "It isn't those that are well that need a doctor, it is those that are sick. I did not come to call the righteous. I came to call sinners to repentance." Just like our doctors once did, Jesus went to the homes of the people who needed him and he touched them and made them whole.

Who needs a doctor? The sick need a doctor. Is there anyone here who has never been sick? Of course not, so we all need a doctor! Who needs Jesus? Sinners do! Is there anyone here who has never sinned? No way! The Bible tells us that "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." That means we all need Jesus. We sometimes sit in our churches and wait for people to come to us so we can tell them about Jesus and his love. We should be doing what Jesus did. We should be going where the people are and taking the good news of Jesus to them.

Dear Jesus, help us to be willing to go to those who need you and tell them of your love. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation Alleluia. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. Alleluia (John 15:5)

Word Search Puzzle

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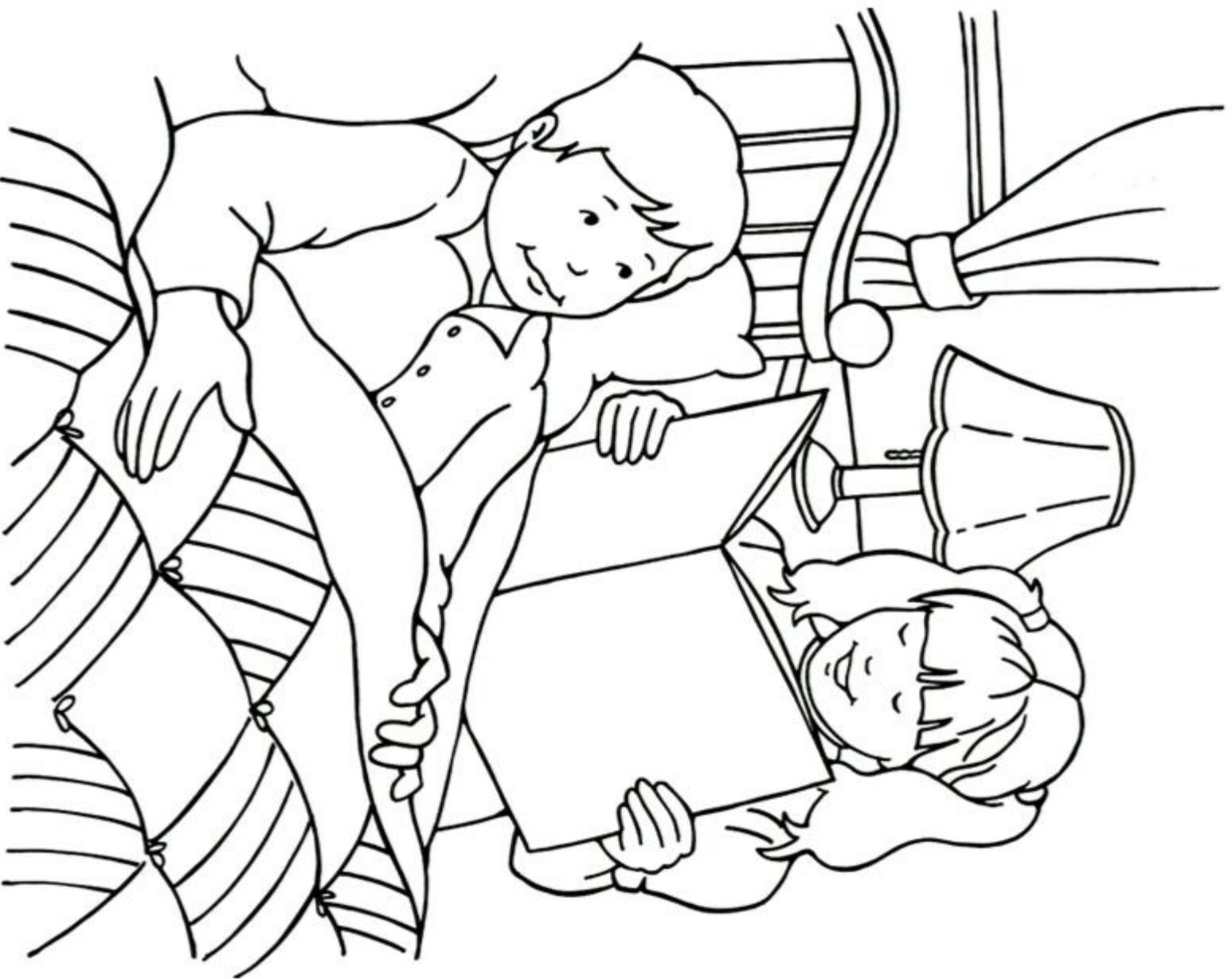
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MERCY	SITTING	BOOTH	SINNERS
RIGHTEOUS	FOLLOW	HOUSE	SICK

BANDAGE ART: Let each child draw a large bandage or glue a large bandage onto their construction paper. Then decorate their paper with our Bible verses today and also with the words, JESUS CAME TO HEAL THE SICK, or TELL EVERYONE ABOUT JESUS' LOVE, or WE ALL NEED JESUS TO HEAL US AS SINNERS, etc.

TELL OF JESUS' LOVE GAME: Teacher can have several pictures of doors on various walls in room or hallway. (Next to each door can be a little bowl of a small candy). Let children go by two's to all the doors. After pretending to knock on a door, each team of 2 will say, "JESUS CAME TO TAKE OUR SINS AWAY", or GOD LOVES YOU, etc. Then let children take a small candy and continue on to the next door and continue until all doors have been knocked on or as time allows. Let children know that Jesus WANTS us to go to all people to tell them about JESUS' love for them.

"WE NEED JESUS" POSTER: Give the class a very large poster board to decorate with WE NEED JESUS, or SINNERS NEED JESUS, etc. All children can then color and add their own names and a small picture of themselves on that poster for the classroom wall.

I CAN HELP SICK PEOPLE LEARN ABOUT JESUS.



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