



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

January 18, 2015

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

I Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 (1)

I Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51



Share God's Word

Come and See! *Object:* A package of cookies.

A few days ago, I saw a friend of mine eating a cookie.

"What kind of cookie is that you are eating?" I asked.

"These are Oreo Creme filled Chips Ahoy cookies," she said.

"Are they good?" I asked.

"Good? They are delicious," she answered. "Here, taste one and see how good they are," she said as she offered me a cookie.

Mmmm, Mmmm! They were good! They were so good that I couldn't wait to tell you about them. In fact, I wanted to share some with you. I have a whole package of them this morning so that you can taste them and see how good they are. (Pass the cookies around for the children to try.)

Don't you agree that those are really good cookies? That is why my friend couldn't wait to share them with me and I couldn't wait to share them with you.

Have you ever found something so good that you couldn't wait to share it with a friend? This morning I want to tell about a man named Philip who couldn't wait to tell a friend about something good that he had found. What Philip found was much more important than cookies. Philip had met Jesus. When Phillip met Jesus, he knew that Jesus was the Savior that God had promised, and he became one of Jesus' disciples.

After Philip met Jesus, he couldn't wait to tell his friend Nathanael. He found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth? Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," answered Philip. Then he took Nathanael to see Jesus and Nathanael also became a follower of Jesus. That is how the good news of Jesus is spread. Friends telling friends!

When we find a really good cookie, we can't wait to tell a friend about it. Shouldn't we be even more anxious to tell our friends about Jesus? The Psalmist said, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8) Surely we want our friends to know how good he is!

Dear Father, nothing can compare to the Good News of Jesus. Help us to share the Good News with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth. Alleluia (John 1:41, 17)

Word Search Puzzle

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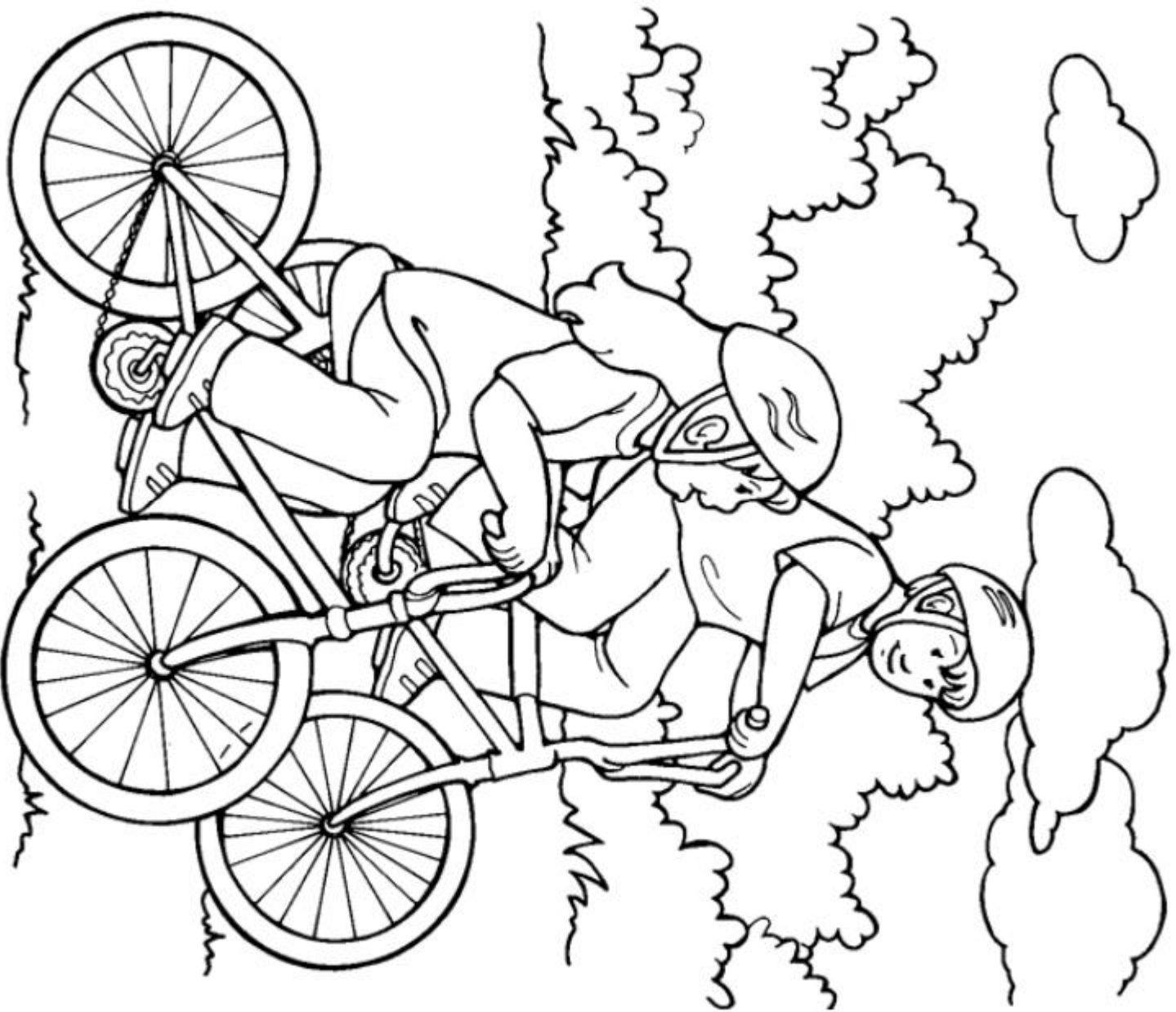
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GALILEE	KING	KNOW	NAZARETH	ANDREW
PHILIP	RABBI	FOLLOW	JESUS	ISRAEL

PAPER AIRPLANES: Provide the children with paper to make a paper airplane. If the teacher does not know how to fold a paper airplane, you can find plans on www.foldnfly.com. Have the children write words from today's lesson and FLY their airplanes to SHARE the good news. You can let the children fly their planes back and forth to each other and each time a plane is caught, the child will read one word on the plane from today's lesson.

COOKIE POCKETS: Provide the children with paper to cut 2 round circles in the size and shape of a cookie. Let the children decorate their "cookie" and then staple or glue the two circles half way around the edge so that they form a pocket. The children will then write words about JESUS on small pieces of paper and place them inside the cookie pocket. Encourage the children to share their cookie with someone outside of their class.

GOOD NEWS BANNERS: Give each child a long narrow sheet of paper to make a GOOD NEWS banner. Give the children glitter, stickers, balloons, etc to decorate their banner. Use the banners to decorate doors and bulletin boards around the church.

I CAN TELL MY FRIENDS ABOUT JESUS



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