

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***



June 21, 2016

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62



Hold on to Jesus. Object: One blindfold and a short piece of rope.

I need one volunteer to help with today's lesson. Who would like to help? Isn't it interesting that these children volunteered to help without even knowing what they were going to be asked to do? What if they were asked to do something very difficult? Or what if they were asked to do something dangerous? Well, don't worry. All they will be doing is following my instructions. That sounds pretty easy, doesn't it?

Are you ready? Oh, wait, there is one more thing. I am going to put a blindfold on you. Do you think that it will be easy to follow my instructions? What if they bump into a chair or a door and hurt themselves? I wouldn't let that happen. Well, here is what we are going to do. Here is a piece of rope. I will hold on to the end of the rope and you hold on to the other end. As long as you keep holding on to the rope, you will be able to follow my instructions.

One day, Jesus was walking along the road with some of his disciples when someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man doesn't even have a place to lay his head."

It isn't always easy to follow Jesus. Sometimes we are like the children who volunteered to help with the lesson today. We raise our hands and say, "I will follow you wherever you go" without even knowing what we are going to be called to do. We may find that we are like the child who is wearing a blindfold -- it isn't easy to follow instructions when we can't see the way.

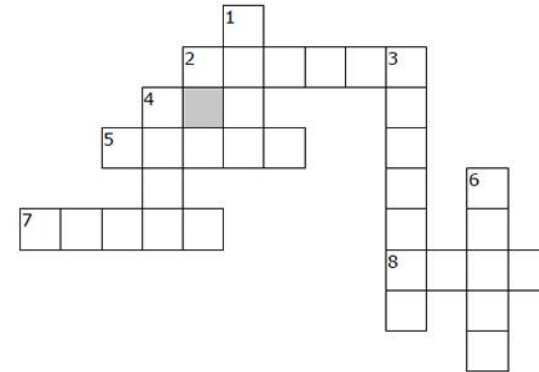
What can we do? Just hold on to Jesus by faith, and he will guide you through the difficult days of your life.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Son to save us and to be our guide through life. We are holding on to Jesus. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia (John 6:68)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. To walk behind someone
- 5. Animals similar to dogs with a long, bushy tail
- 7. Creatures with feathers and wings, usually able to fly
- 8. A home for birds

DOWN

- 1. An opening in the ground where an animal might live
- 3. Traveling on foot
- 4. A pathway for vehicles, people, and animals
- 6. The Son of God

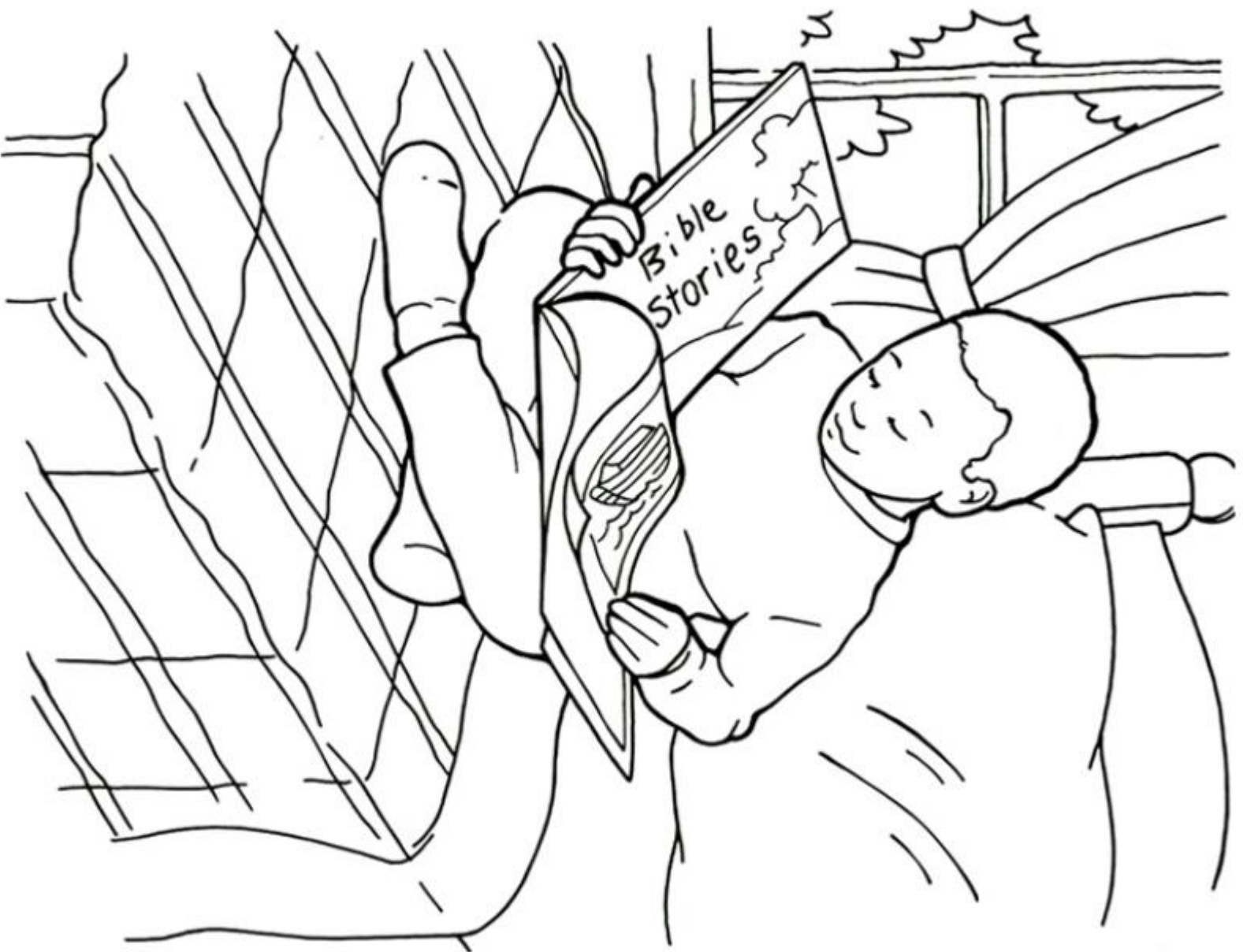
BIRDS	NEST	WALKING	FOXES
JESUS	FOLLOW	ROAD	HOLE

HAND SEWING: Provide the child with 2 matching cut-outs of hands. Have the child color and decorate the hands and write in large, bold letters HOLD ON TO JESUS. Then punch holes along the outer edges of the hands and let the child use yarn or plastic craft lace in and out of the holes and sew the hands together. Place a small amount of tissue inside to give the hands a little puffiness.

HAND FINGER PAINTING: Let the child paint their hands with the color of paint of their choice. Then place their hands firmly and carefully on a piece of paper and lift up gently without smearing. The child can then write on the painted hands with their finger or a pencil eraser or toothpick - HOLD ON TO JESUS... and let the painted hands dry. Hang the hand finger paintings on their bedroom wall, to remind the child of today's lesson.



I WANT TO FOLLOW JESUS. HE IS GOD'S SON.



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