

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way



August 12, 2018

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalms 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:34, 41-51



The Perfect Role Model

Object: Pictures of famous people (movie stars, athletes, etc.) that the children will recognize.

Do you have a role model? "What's a role model?" you might be asking. Well, a role model is a person that you respect, admire, and want to be like in some way. It might be a famous person such as a great athlete or a movie star. It might be someone you know personally like your favorite teacher. It might be your pastor. It could even be your mom, dad, or a brother or sister. Whether we realize it or not, we all have role models.

I am going to show you some pictures of people that most of you will probably recognize and you can tell me whether or not you think that person would be a good role model. (Show the pictures and give the children the opportunity to talk about them.) It is important that we choose our role models carefully, isn't it? If we choose someone as our role model just because he or she is rich and famous, we will very likely be disappointed.

If you are looking for a role model, here is a good place to look. (Hold up your Bible.) In the book of Ephesians, Paul said to the people in the church at Ephesus, "Imitate God in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us."

What are some of the things that make Jesus the perfect role model for us to follow? He is:

- Kind
- Loving
- Tenderhearted
- Forgiving
- Patient
- Obedient
- Respectful
- Truthful

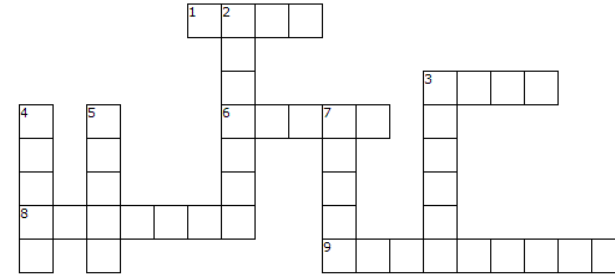
Well, we could go on and on, couldn't we? Jesus is our perfect role model because he is God's perfect Son who brings salvation to all who obey him.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Son to bring salvation and to be the perfect role model for us to follow so that we might live a life that is pleasing to you. Where others may fail, Jesus never fails. In his name we pray. Amen.

The Perfect Role Model

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Ephesians 5:2a (NLT)

Based on Ephesians 4:25-5:2



ACROSS

1. To be friendly, generous, or caring toward others
3. False statements presented as being true
6. A statement proven to be correct
8. One who serves as a pattern to be copied
9. Willing to overlook faults in others; to be merciful

DOWN

2. To copy the actions, appearance, or speech of another person
3. Feeling or showing affection for others
4. A feeling of extreme displeasure
5. To take something without permission
7. A person who takes something without permission

IMITATE	STEAL	KIND	THIEF	TRUTH
LOVING	EXAMPLE	ANGER	LIES	FORGIVING

HEART WREATH: Give each child a paper plate and cut out the middle round section. Provide colored hearts to be cut out and then glued around the edge of the paper plate to form a wreath. Write one of the characteristics of Jesus as a perfect role model on each heart such as kind, loving, tenderhearted, forgiving, patient, etc. Give children yarn to hang their wreath up on a door or wall.

Family Table Prayer for August

God is great, God is good.

Let us thank God for our food.

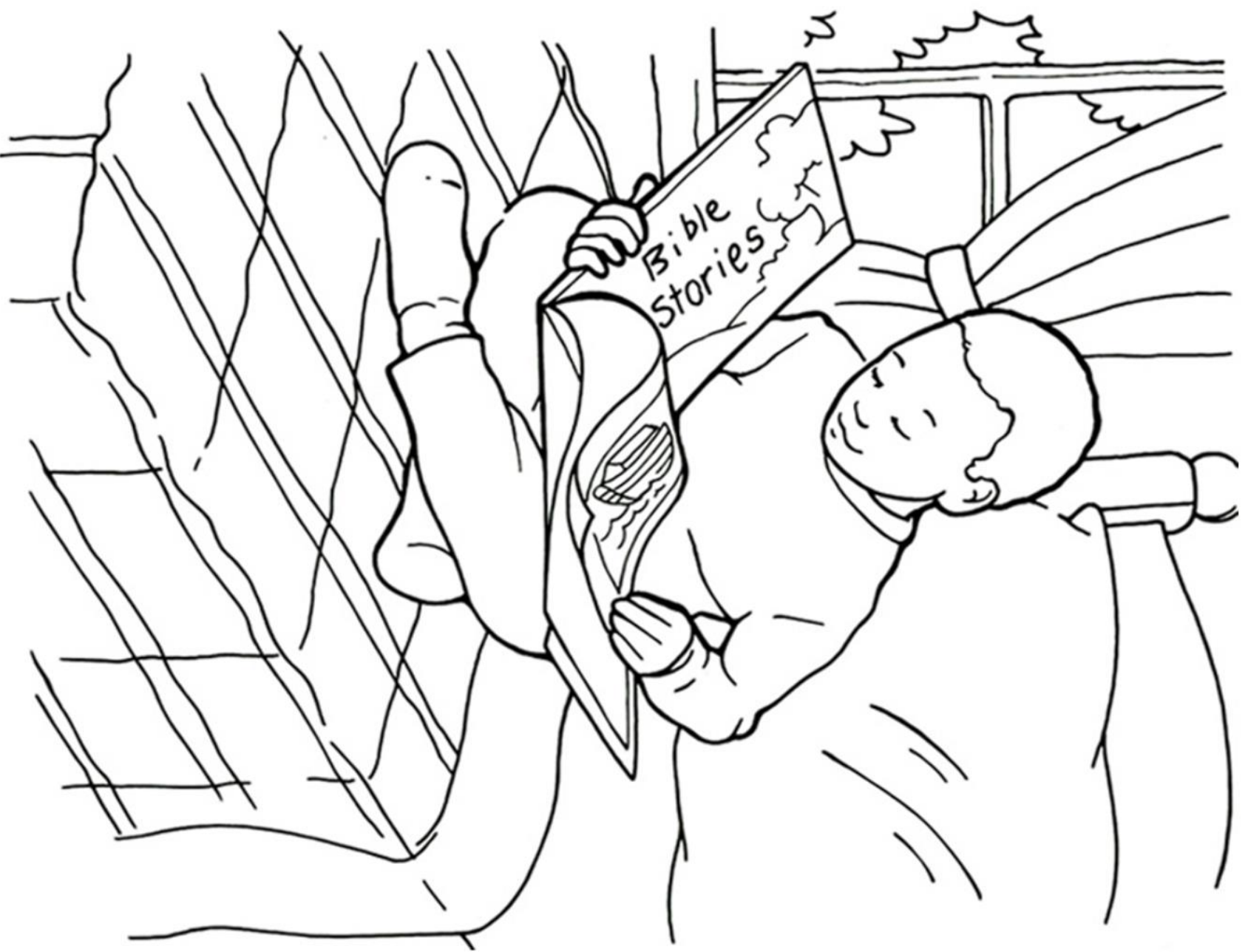
By God's hands we all are fed.

Thank you Lord for our daily bread.

Amen.

August Memory Verse: I praise you God, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

~ Psalm 139:14



I want to follow Jesus. He is God's Son.