

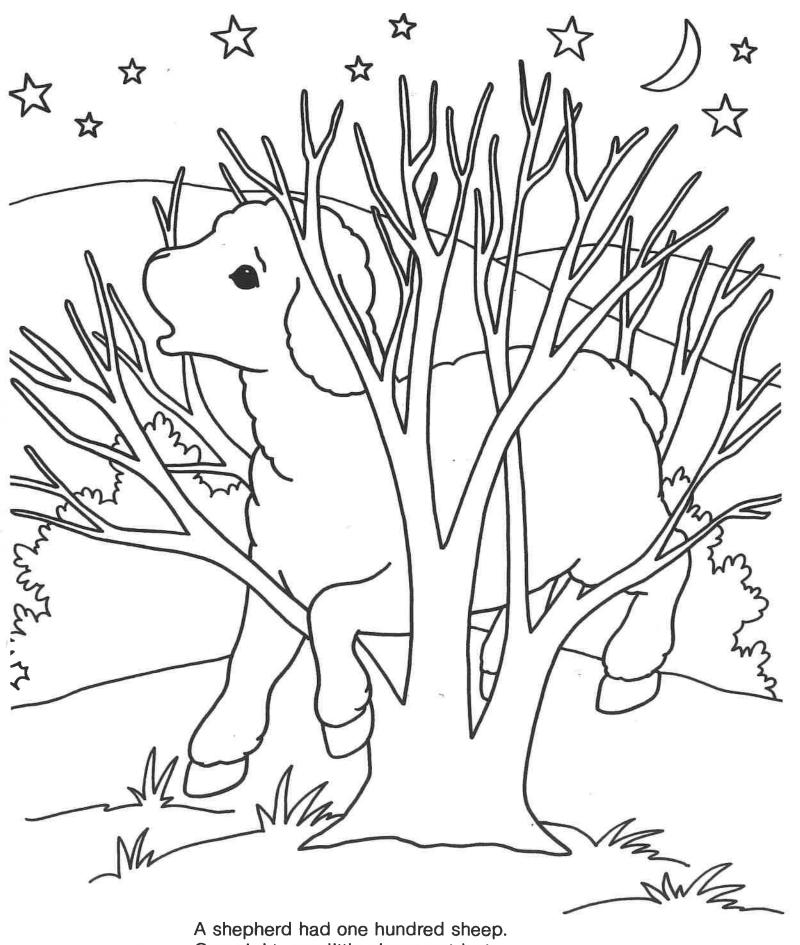
Jesus heals a paralyzed man.

Matthew 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26

Many people came to hear Jesus teach. They crowded into the house. They even stood around the outside of the house. Some men came carrying their friend on a mat. Their friend couldn't move. He just had to lie on his mat.

The men wanted Jesus to help their friend, but they couldn't get through the crowd to bring their friend to Jesus. The men carried their friend up some stairs to the flat roof of the house. They dug a hole in the roof right over where Jesus was standing. They put ropes on their friend's mat. They carefully lowered the mat down in front of Jesus.

Jesus saw that the men believed in Him. Jesus told the man on the mat that his sins were forgiven. Then Jesus told him to get up. The man got up. He could walk! The crowd was amazed. They praised God!



One night, one little sheep got lost.

The shepherd went out to find the lost sheep.



When the shepherd found his sheep, he carried it home.

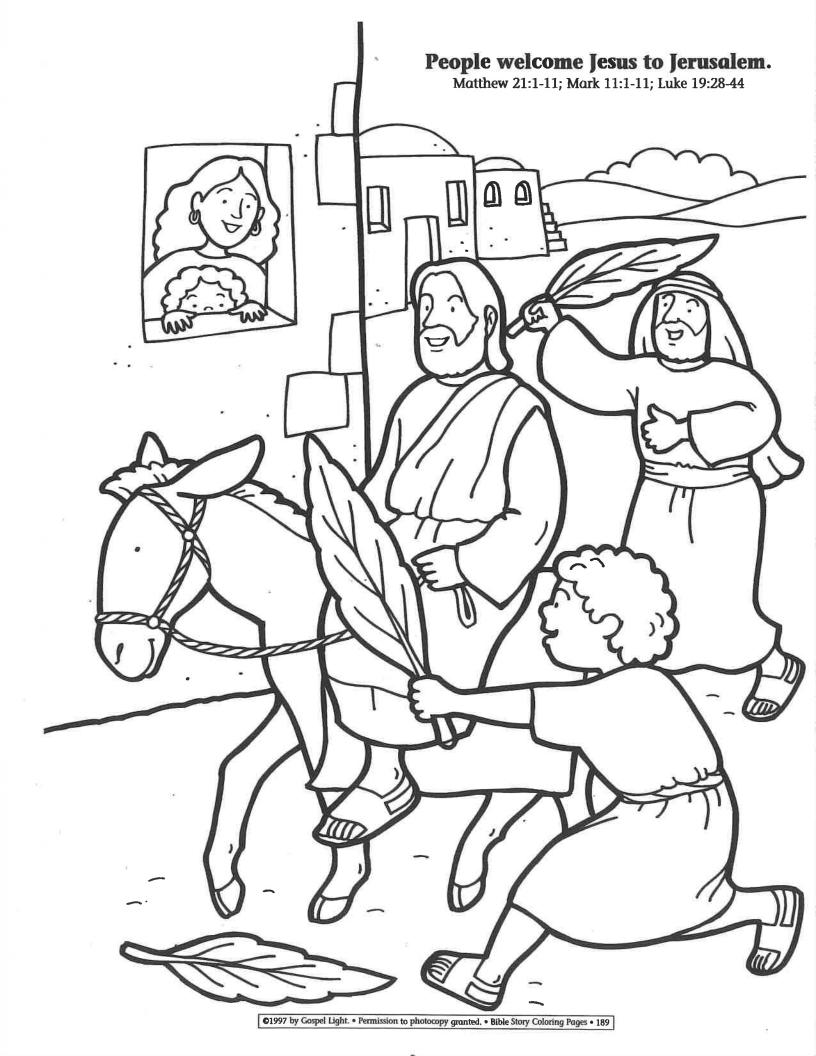
He called in his friends to tell them how happy he was to find the lost sheep.

Luke 15:4-6



Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt.

Many people put palm branches or their own cloaks on the road.



People welcome Jesus to Jerusalem.

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44

What a happy day! Jesus and His friends were going to the Temple in Jerusalem. On the way, Jesus stopped. He said to His friends, "There is a little donkey in the town. Until it and bring it to Me."

Jesus climbed onto the donkey's back and began riding to the city. Many other people were walking along the road to Jerusalem. Some people were so happy to see Jesus that they spread their coats on the road. Other people cut branches from palm trees and laid them on the road for Jesus' donkey to walk on. They were treating Jesus like a king!

Some people ran ahead to tell others, "Jesus is coming!" And even more people came to see Jesus. They said, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" (That means "Save us.") It was a wonderful day in Jerusalem! The people praised Jesus!

Jesus washes His friends' feet.

John 13:1-17



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Jesus and His friends were getting ready to have a special dinner together. They spent the day talking and walking. The roads were hot and dusty.

When Jesus and His friends came to the house for a special dinner, their feet were dirty. They needed to be washed! But no one wanted to wash other people's feet. That was a job for a servant!

Jesus waited until the food was on the table. Then Jesus got up and wrapped a towel around His waist. Jesus poured water into a large bowl and began to wash His friends' feet.

Peter felt embarrassed. Peter knew that he should have offered to wash Jesus' feet. But Jesus told Peter that he needed Jesus to wash his feet for him.

"Follow my example," Jesus said. He wanted them to help each other.

Jesus eats a special meal with His friends. Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-38



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Jesus and His friends were in Jerusalem to celebrate a holiday together. The holiday was called the Passover. Jewish people celebrate the Passover every year to remind them of the time God freed them from slavery.

As part of the holiday, Jesus and His friends ate a special meal. Jesus picked up some bread from the table. Jesus said thank-you to God for the bread. Then Jesus broke the bread into pieces and gave some bread to each of His friends.

"Take and eat. This is my body given for you," Jesus said. He compared the bread to His body.

Then Jesus took a cup and thanked God for it. "Drink from this cup. This is my blood shed for many people," Jesus said. Jesus gave the cup to each friend.

The bread and the cup were reminders of what was going to happen soon: Jesus' death on the cross. This special meal, called the Last Supper, reminds everyone who follows Jesus of His love and God's plan to forgive sins.



Jesus dies on the cross.

Matthew 27:32-56; Mark 15:21-41; Luke 23:26-49; John 19:17-37

One day, Jesus told His friends, "In a few days, some people are going to take Me away. I'm going to be killed." Jesus' friends were sad. Jesus knew this was part of God's plan so people could be forgiven for wrong things they have done. And Jesus knew He wouldn't stay dead!

The people who wanted to kill Jesus did not like it that so many people loved Him. When these people came to get Jesus, Jesus let them take Him. And He let them kill Him on a cross.

Jesus' friends were sad. They took Jesus' body and put it into a tomb. A tomb was a little room cut out of the side of a hill. Some men put a huge rock in front of the doorway of the tomb. Jesus' friends were very sad. They didn't know that something wonderful was going to happen.



Jesus talks to Mary in the garden.

John 20:10-18

Mary felt very sad. She thought she would never see Jesus again. Mary went to the tomb where Jesus' body was. Mary wanted to put some spices on Jesus' body (as people did in Bible times when someone died).

When Mary got to the tomb, she saw that it was empty! Jesus' body wasn't there anymore. Mary cried and cried. She didn't know that Jesus was alive. Mary saw two angels. They asked, "Why are you crying?"

Mary said, "Someone has taken Jesus' body and I don't know where they have put it." Then Mary turned around and saw a man standing there.

"Woman," the man said, "why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Mary thought that He was a gardener.

Mary said, "Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him."

The man just said her name, "Mary." Right away Mary knew that He was Jesus and He was alive! Mary felt so happy! Jesus told Mary to go and tell His friends that He was alive.



Jesus talks to His friends.

Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-23

Most of Jesus' special friends were together in a room with the doors locked. They were afraid that the people who killed Jesus would try to hurt them, too.

Suddenly Jesus was in the room with them! He didn't come through the door—it was locked. He didn't come through the windows—they were shut. He just appeared!

Jesus said, "Peace be with you." His friends were afraid! They thought Jesus was a ghost. "Why are you afraid?" Jesus asked. "Why don't you believe that it is really me? Touch me and see that I am really alive. I'm not a ghost." Jesus showed them His hands and His feet that still had marks from when He was on the cross. Jesus even ate some fish with them. Jesus explained to them that He had to die on the cross so that people everywhere could have their sins forgiven. Finally, the friends believed that Jesus really was alive. They were so happy!