

Foundation of Love

Jesus Chose Matthew *Matthew 9:9-13*

Jesus saw a man named Matthew. Many people did not like Matthew because he was a tax collector. Jesus loved Matthew and said, "Follow Me." So, Matthew followed Jesus. Jesus and His disciples were eating at Matthew's house. Some teachers asked why Jesus would eat with tax collectors and other people who did wrong things. Jesus let the teachers know that He came to show God's love for everyone.

Today's Point: Jesus chooses to love me.



CONNECT

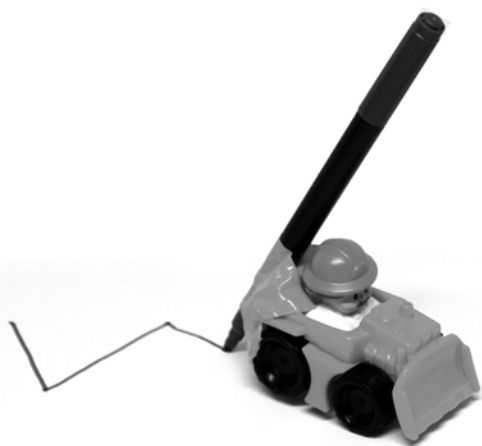
Remind preschoolers that Jesus chooses to love them, just like He chose to love Matthew in today's story.

CREATE

1. Push the truck around on the paper to create circles, lines, and drawings.
2. Use the "Road Template" to practice drawing between the road lines.
3. If time allows, use stickers to add additional decorations to the drawing.

TIPS

- Make extra copies of the "Road Template." Tape the templates, end to end, to create a longer road.
- Add an additional road next to it for older preschoolers to race their trucks.



Push and Draw (Free Art)

GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES

- ☐ Small toy construction trucks
- ☐ Washable markers or large crayons
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Roll of paper or large sheets of paper
- ☐ Paper or cardstock
- ☐ "Road Template" (p. 35)
- ☐ VBS 2020 Logo Stickers (005817880)

ADVANCE PREPARATION

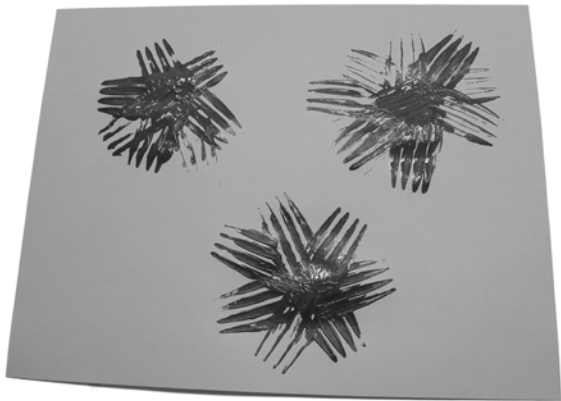
- Make copies of the "Road Template."
- Tape an open marker or large crayon to the front or back of the toy construction truck.
- Tape the paper to a table or floor.

Foundation of Forgiveness

Paul Listened and Obeyed *Acts 26:1-20*

One day Paul was traveling to Damascus to hurt people who loved Jesus and to put them in jail. On his way, Paul saw a bright light. The light was so bright it hurt Paul's eyes and he could not see. Paul heard a voice ask why he was hurting people. The voice was Jesus! Jesus told Paul to go and tell people that God loves them. Paul obeyed Jesus, changed the way he lived, and told people what happened to him. He told them that God loves them no matter what they have done.

Today's Point: Jesus loves me no matter what.



Fork Painting (Free Art)

GATHER SUPPLIES

- ☐ Plastic forks (2 per child)
- ☐ Washable tempera paint (yellow and orange)
- ☐ White paper
- ☐ Disposable plates (2 per child)
- ☐ Paint shirts or smocks
- ☐ Newspaper

ADVANCE PREPARATION

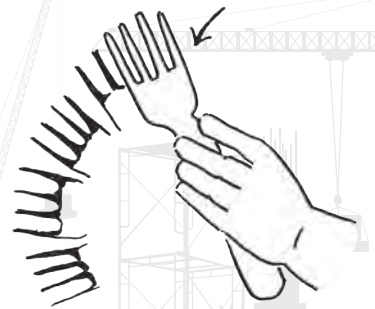
- Pour a quarter size amount of paint into each disposable plate.
- Make a sample.

CONNECT

Remind preschoolers that they learned how Jesus got Paul's attention and how Paul listened and obeyed. Paul saw a light so bright that it hurt his eyes. He also heard Jesus' voice. Show the painting and mention how it looks like bright lights.

CREATE

1. Dip a fork into the yellow or orange paint and press the back of the fork onto the paper. Repeat this step numerous times to make a circular pattern. Make two or more "bright light" circles on the page.
2. Write the child's name on the paper and set it aside to dry.



TIPS:

- Cover work space with newspaper.
- Wear paint shirts or smocks.
- Demonstrate how to do Step 1 before preschoolers begin painting.
- Print Today's Point "Jesus loves me no matter what." on the white paper and make copies prior to the session.
- Consider drawing outlines of circles as a guide for younger preschoolers.

Foundation of Worth

Jesus Prayed in the Garden *Matthew 26:36-46*

Jesus and His disciples walked to a garden called Gethsemane. Jesus asked some of the men to sit in the garden while He went to pray. He asked Peter, James, and John to go with Him. Jesus went a little farther to pray about the plan God had for Him. He asked God to help Him and said He would do whatever God wanted. When Jesus walked back to the disciples, they were asleep! This happened twice! Then Jesus prayed again asking God to help Him do God's plan for Him. He went back to the disciples and they left the garden with Jesus.

Today's Point: Jesus has a plan for me.



DAY 3



Truck Painting (Free Art)

GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES

- ☐ Small toy trucks and construction vehicles
- ☐ Washable tempera paint
- ☐ Large sheets of white paper
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Marker
- ☐ Disposable trays
- ☐ Paper towels and wipes
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Paint shirts or smocks

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- Cover a table with large sheets of paper. Tape the paper to the table.
- Randomly write simple prayers—"I love You," "I praise You," "I thank You"—on the paper.

CONNECT

Remind preschoolers that today they learned that Jesus prayed in the garden. Read aloud the examples of prayers on the paper. Tell preschoolers they will paint the paper by driving the cars through the paint, onto the paper, and around the words.

CREATE

1. Pour quarter-size amounts of washable paint into disposable trays.
2. Drive a car through the paint in the tray. Gently shake off any excess paint.
3. Make tire tracks on the paper by pushing the car around the prayer examples.



TIPS AND OPTIONS

- Wipe the car tires with a paper towel before switching paint colors, or use a different vehicle with each color.
- Wear paint shirts.
- Cover work space with newspaper.
- Although this is a "free art" activity in that the child can choose how he draws with the truck, teacher supervision is highly recommended!

Foundation of Promise

Jesus Made a Promise *Matthew 28:1-10,16-20*

After Jesus died, He was placed in a tomb and a stone was rolled in front to seal it. Two of Jesus' friends (both named Mary) came to see the tomb. There was an earthquake, and an angel came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. The angel said that Jesus was alive and was going to Galilee to see His disciples. The women were happy and hurried to tell the disciples. When the disciples heard the news, they went to Galilee. There, they saw Jesus and worshiped Him. Jesus told the men, "Go and tell everyone about me. Teach people to do everything I have told you." Jesus told the men to remember, "I am with you always."

Today's Point: Jesus will always be with me.



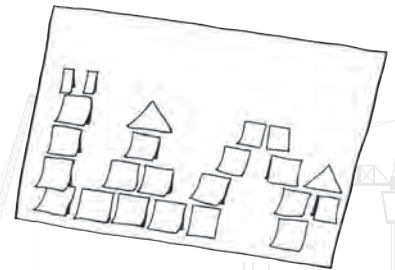
DAY 4

CONNECT

Remind preschoolers that today they learned about a promise Jesus made. Jesus died on the cross but is now alive and living with God in Heaven. Jesus told the disciples to tell everyone that He is alive. Tell preschoolers they will make a picture of both living and nonliving things.

CREATE

1. Make tall towers on the paper with sticky notes. Create several buildings and towers. Ask if the picture includes any living things or people.
2. Add stickers and drawings of living people and things.



Sticker City (Free Art)

GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES

- ☐ Banner paper or large sheets of paper
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Sticky notes (different colors or sizes)
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Washable markers
- ☐ Stickers

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- Lay the banner paper on the floor.
- Make a sample building.

TIPS AND OPTIONS

- Talk with preschoolers about the differences between living and nonliving things. Suggestions for discussion might include: (living) *flowers, birds, animals, and people*; (nonliving) *buildings, cars, houses, and sidewalks*.
- Stress that Jesus is alive.
- Our test crew said the kids loved this project!

Foundation for Life

The House on the Rock *Matthew 7:24-29*

One time, Jesus taught a lesson. He said, “People who hear what I say, believe, and obey are like the wise man who built his house on the rock. When the rain came, the rivers rose, and the winds blew hard on the house, it didn’t fall because it was built on a solid foundation. People who don’t pay attention to My words are like the foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain came, the rivers rose, and the winds blew hard on his house. It fell down with a big crash.” Jesus taught this lesson to help us understand that God will help us know how to live.

Today’s Point: Jesus helps me know how to live.



Shape a Building (Free Art)

GATHER SUPPLIES

- ☐ Construction paper or craft foam
- ☐ Glue or glue sticks
- ☐ Crayons or markers
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Scissors (for teachers)

ADVANCE PREPARATION

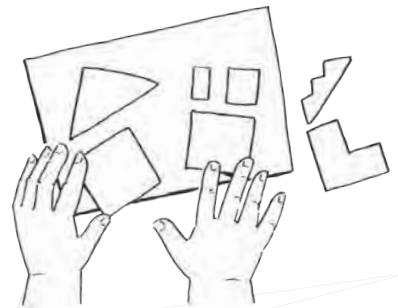
- Cut construction paper into shapes (rectangles, squares, and triangles). Cut at least 10 shapes per child.
- Make a sample.

CONNECT

Remind preschoolers that today they learned about a wise man who built his house on rock and a foolish man who built his house on sand. Jesus used this lesson to teach us that God helps us know how to live.

CREATE

1. Place the shapes on a piece of construction paper or cardstock. Move the shapes around to form a house.
2. Glue the pieces into place.
3. Add to the area around the house by drawing grass, trees, and clouds.



TIPS

Assist younger preschoolers as they create their pictures.

DAY 5



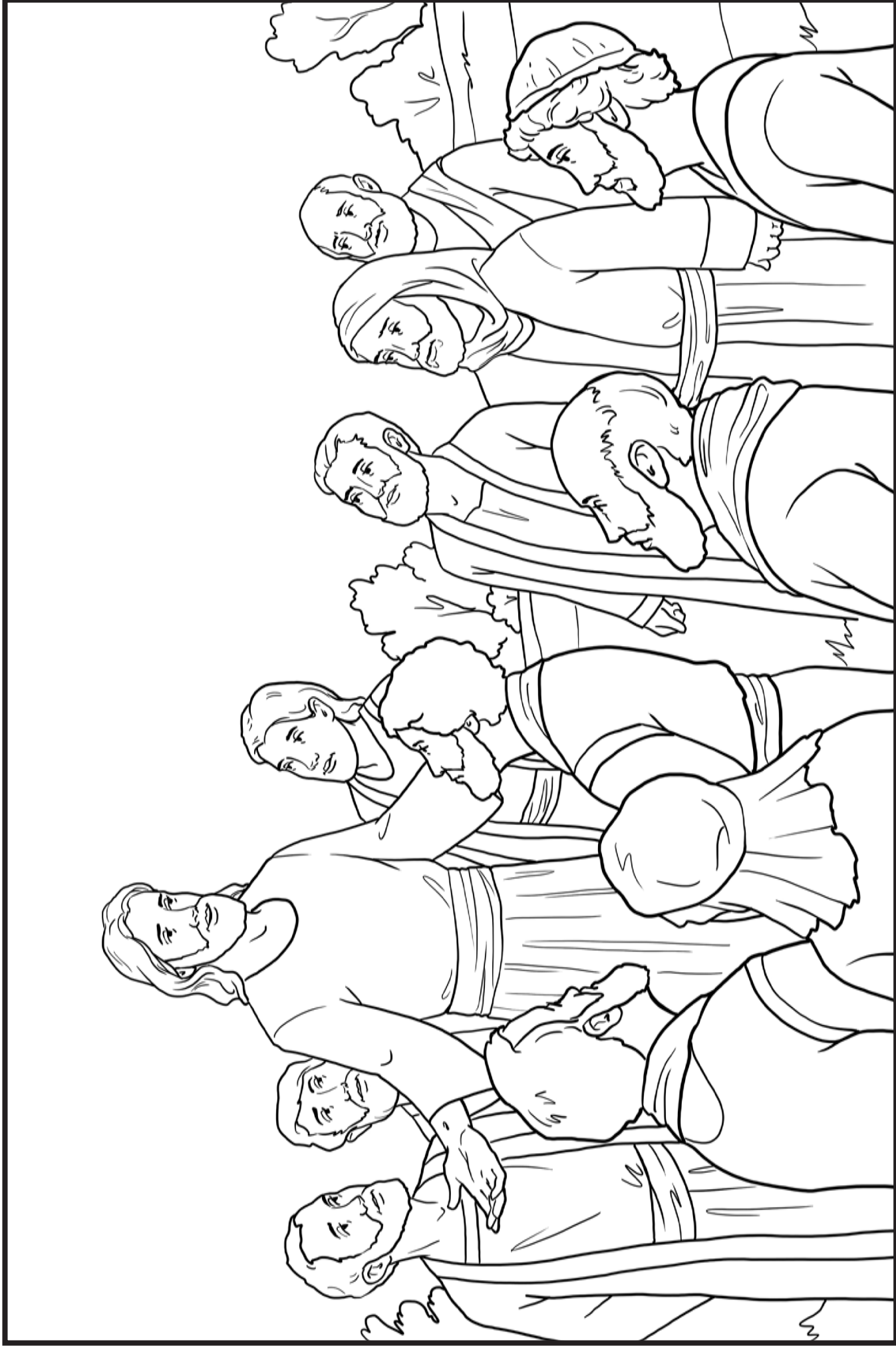
Jesus Chose Matthew



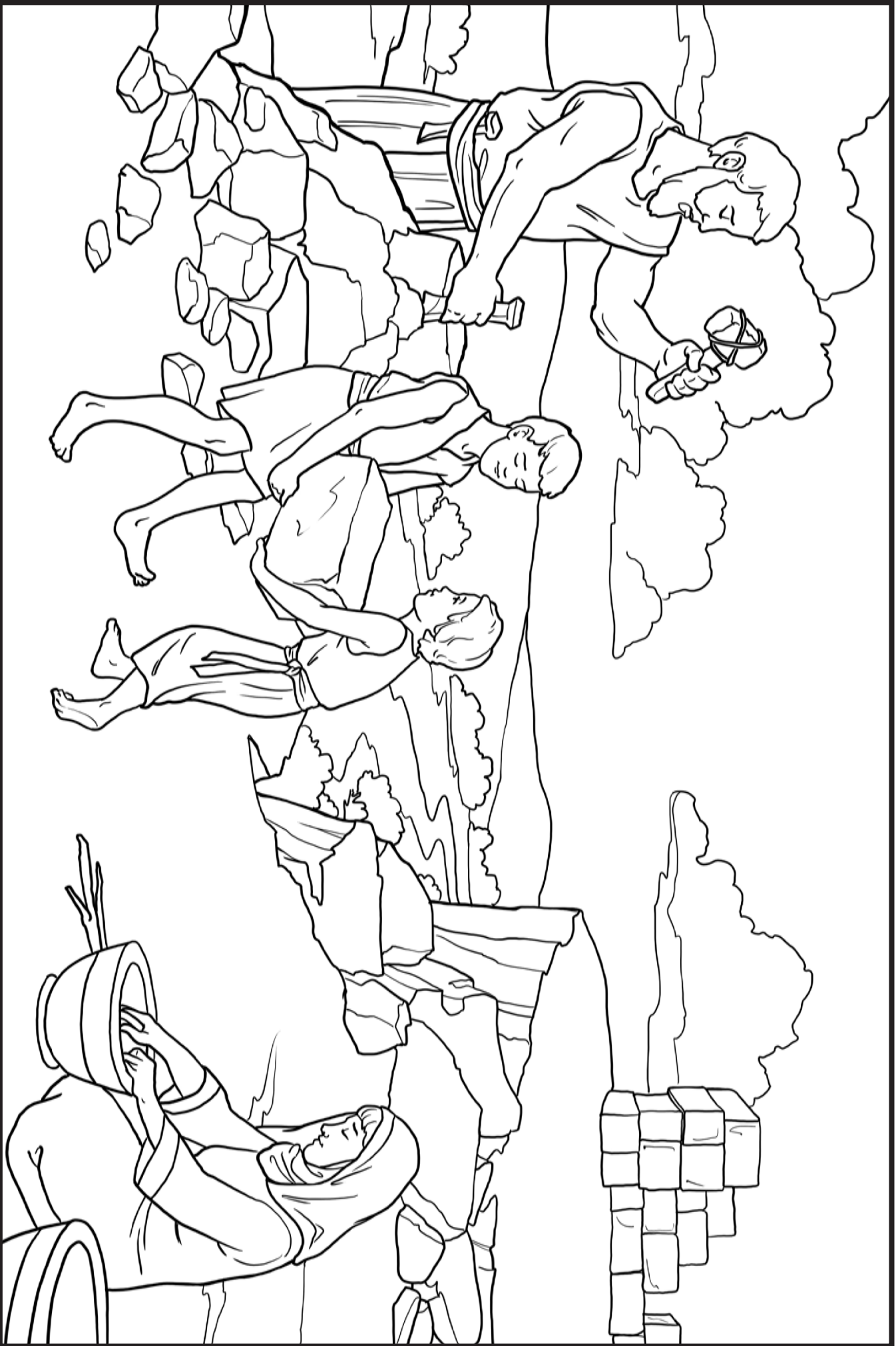
Paul Listened and Obeyed



Jesus Prayed in the Garden



Jesus Made a Promise



The House on the Rock