

Dear parents and grandparents. Thank-you for looking at this!

Suggestions:

Littlest Kids: Video, questions about the bible story, color, activity.

Older Kids and Teens: Answer the daily life questions, discuss inviting Jesus into daily life and what that concretely is like, look up the word vulnerable, look on a map for the location mentioned.

Good day, everyone!

Do you love this warmer weather?

Are you already running through a lawn sprinkler, or is it still a bit cold for that?

Are you feeding calves with God?

Sitting in a fort and having a conversation with God?

Thinking about what is going on in your mind, with God? With him, you can change what you think about, train in it!

We are seeding canola right now. My air conditioner in the tractor broke. Unlike the tractors that we used to drive, this one does not have several doors and windows to open to let the air in.

So I had the one door open, and that let in the wind and the dust! It is fixed now, thanks to people who are very good at what they do.

What things are you good at?

Anything done with anger, can be better done without it.

Do you have something that you want to be good at, but it will take training to get there?

In a “with God Life”, we spend our whole lives being with Jesus, training with him, and he comes right alongside us. He is in everything. For example when someone cuts you off with their bicycle, and you and your bike tip over. Instead of being angry, you can stand up and give them kind words. This action leaves you vulnerable, and that allows the Kingdom of God be powerful in your life. It's a different way of doing life. Keep in mind this does *not* mean that you don't protect others, like if someone is picking on your friend. Do help people. It is that in something like a bike crash, the response can be handled *without* anger. That leaves you open to God being with you.

Experiment with not being angry when someone bugs you. Invite God to join you in this.

Thinking about God's Kingdom, which is here right now, and available.

Do: *Guys, let's do jumping jacks!*

Imagine a hula hoop. Everything you have say over is in that hula hoop, that is your kingdom.

Ask: What do you have say over?

Some ideas:

My thoughts, my chore time, my toys, my tablet, how often I tell my family members I love them, anger.

Do: Jumping Jack to the right! (Did you just take out that plant?)

You can take everything you are in charge of, into God's powerful kingdom; it is here right now, it is invisible, and it is closer than the hair on your head. We were made to do life with God. This includes chores. Experiment with inviting Jesus into everything you do. Try it. He won't be offended. He loves being with you.

What will you invite him into?

What this week would be better done with God?

We can be in conversation with God about what he and I are doing together, that is what prayer is.

Pray: Pray together. *Prayer is just talking to God about what you and he are doing together. There may be a lot of asking.*

Jesus had an ordinary existence, longer than he was in ministry.

Review, video of Jesus early life. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irTmdgAOPfA&t=10s>

Jesus lived and worked in the town of Nazareth. It was not a very significant town. It was prophesied a long time before that he would be called a Nazarene. Jesus worked as a carpenter, until he was about 30 years old. He would have learned from his dad, Joseph, and helped with the family.

People knew about Jesus, his job as a tradesman would have put him into the lives of many. He grew wise and the people who knew of him, preferred him.

His ordinary life among regular people, doing blue collar work, set a base on which to show people he was one of them. He worked with God, getting life from God. All done while living daily in this world. Later he stepped into ministry to make available that “with God life” to all people.

Talk, imagine, google, what life as a general contractor in the Middle East in Jesus time would have been like.

What do you think Jesus would have been fixing and building?

Do you think Jesus would have treated customers fairly?

Do you think he paid his taxes to Caesar, and declared all his income? Why?

Do you think he would have enjoyed his work, even when sweating?

Do you think anyone ever sent him to find a board stretcher?

Do you think he loved all the people he worked with even, the difficult people, and didn't talk about them behind their backs?

Do you know business people who are honest in what they do? Do you trust them to do work for you?

What ways would Jesus have shown love to his family? Did he spend time with friends?

How are your skills coming along with find verses in the bible? Here are a bunch of verses today!



Bible Challenge:

Find Matthew 2:23 and Luke 2:52 and John 1:46 and Matthew 13:55

Race with someone. Bibles and pages everywhere!

Activity 1

As it is nice out, let's go outside and do a scavenger hunt.

Find the following if you can:

2 smooth round or oval rocks

A flower (it might be a plastic one this time of year)

A tree bud

A piece of garbage

A string or twine

2 twigs

Spot a robin

Listen for the wind

Find 3 different types of bugs

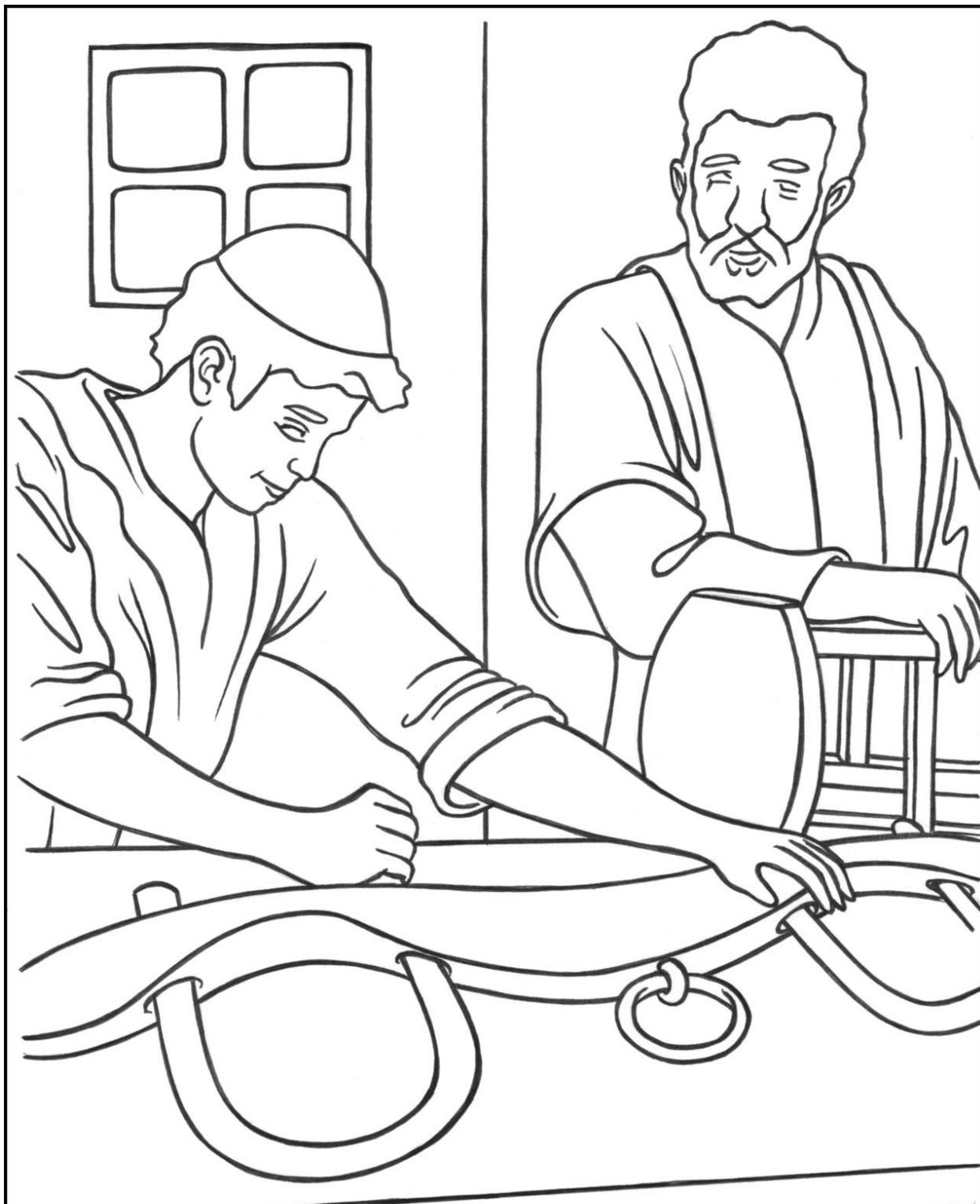
Look for tulips or other plants poking out of the ground.

A broken toy



Activity 2

Take the 2 twigs and the string, and tie them together to make a cross.



Young Jesus With Joseph - TheCatholicKid.com