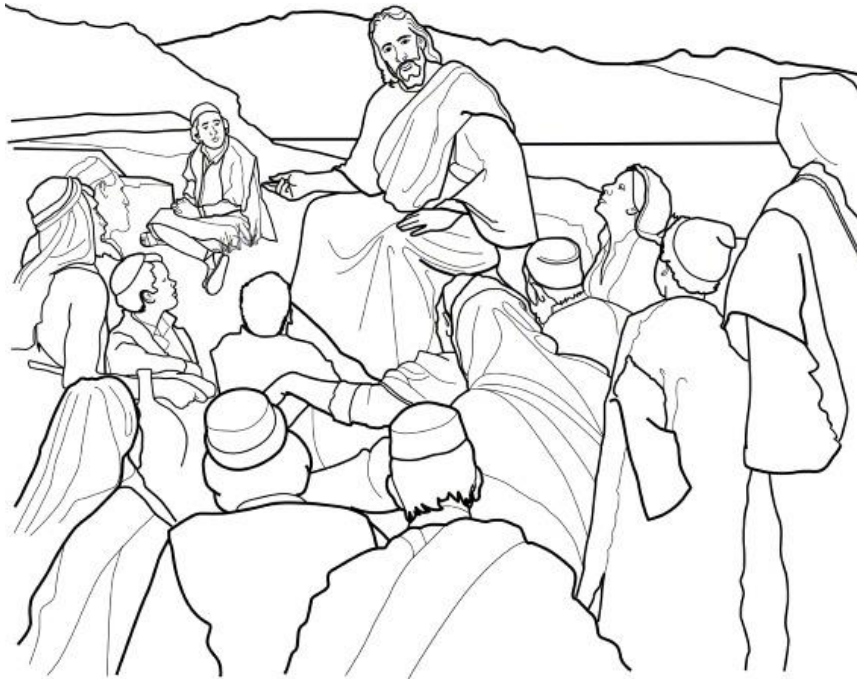


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Lesson: EMPTY HANDED

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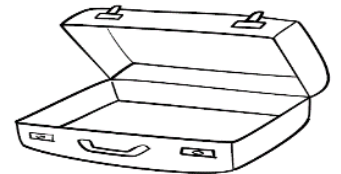


Jesus taught his disciples how people in his kingdom live. The most important thing he told them is that people who follow Jesus depend only on Jesus to save them. He gave an example by healing a man with leprosy. The man had nothing he could give Jesus or do for him so that Jesus could heal him. He had to depend on Jesus' mercy only to heal him.



Memory verse: Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



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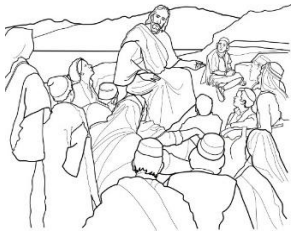
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Jesus started this talk with the most important thing he wanted to say. He said, "*Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*" To be poor in spirit means that we have nothing that we can give Jesus to save

us (rescue us from sin and its consequences). Anything we do or give could never work and never be enough. Being poor in spirit means, we know that we have nothing to offer. We have nothing that Jesus wants or needs in order for him to rescue us. Before Jesus, we are poor in every way.

The story of the man with leprosy helps to show us what being poor in spirit looks like. Jesus met the man with leprosy immediately after teaching the sermon on the mount. The man had nothing he could offer Jesus to make Jesus heal him. He could only depend on Jesus and Jesus' willingness to help him. The man with leprosy knew that he could not help himself, so he called out to the only one who could help him. This is what it means to be poor in Spirit, to depend only on Jesus.

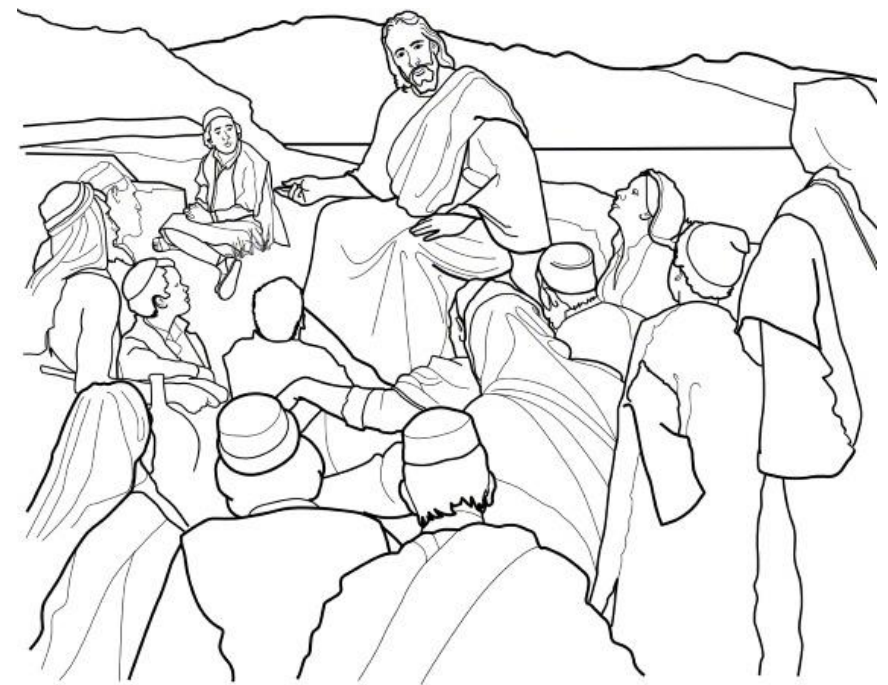


The man with leprosy had a physical need, but we have a spiritual need. We need to be rescued from sin and the punishment for sin.

Only Jesus can help us in this and we need to depend on him alone. Praying and asking him shows we know that only he can help us.

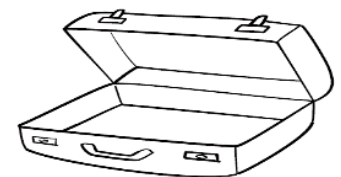
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Think: *What are somethings we sometimes try to do to belong to the kingdom of heaven, instead of depending on Jesus?*



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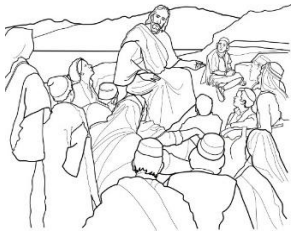
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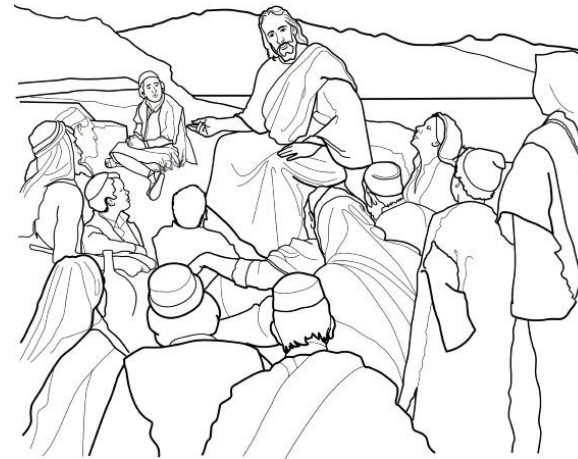
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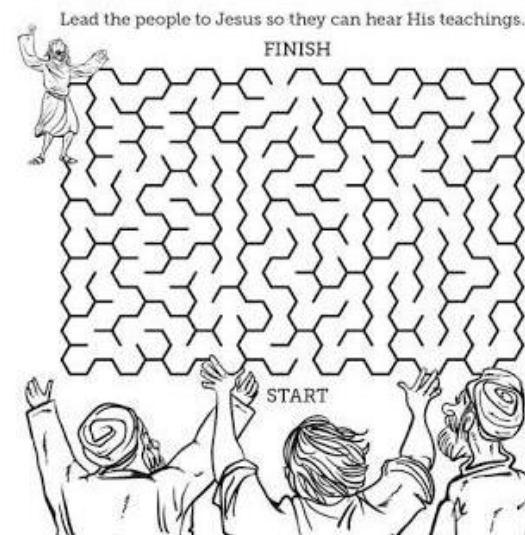
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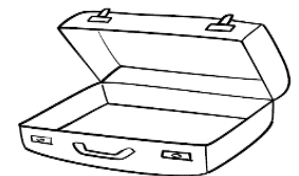
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Think: What are some things we sometimes try to do to belong to the kingdom of heaven, instead of depending on Jesus?



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Bible Class (10yrs & above). Date: _____

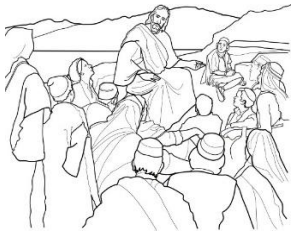
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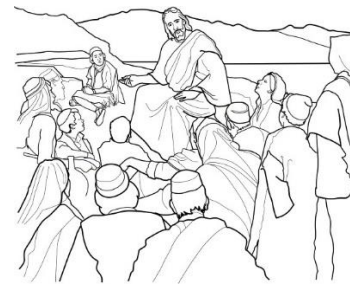
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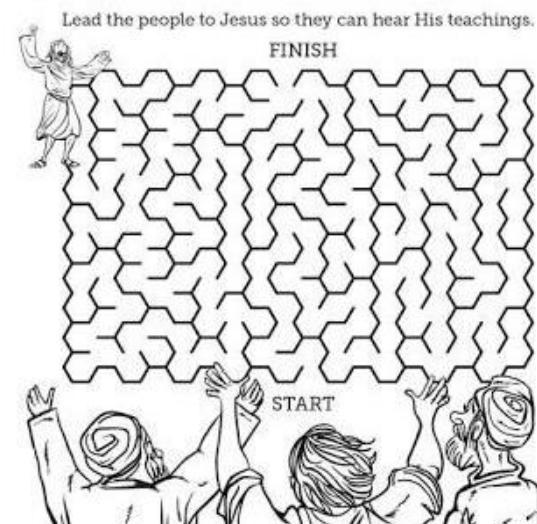


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Who wanted something from Jesus?

What could he give to Jesus?

What can we give to Jesus to rescue us?



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