

Lame Ducks

Key Word: Orphan

Key Verse: When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him. *Mark 6:54*

Jane's mother wasn't pleased. Jane had brought home another tiny kitten. It was a dear little thing, but Jane's mother didn't want another new kitten in the house. Jane was always finding lost kittens or injured birds with broken wings, and once a duckling with a broken leg. Jane's mother liked animals, but she wasn't a vet.

As far as Jane was concerned, the important thing was to love the animals and feed them. It was true that the vet's bills were getting rather high, but they needed to be healthy.

"I'm sorry," Jane's mother said firmly. "It's a dear little kitten, but we already have four animals in the house and I just can't cope with any more. Besides, animals are such a tie. We haven't been away on vacation for three years and I feel so tired. You can put a dog into a kennel, but how can you ask anyone to come in and look after baby kittens and sick goslings?" Jane frowned. "I don't want to go on vacation," she replied. "I like it here. I would much rather be looking after my animals than wasting time on vacations." Jane's mom walked away, but her face looked sad and very tired. Jane suddenly felt selfish. Until now, she had felt rather proud and virtuous, as she'd helped all these animals.

Perhaps she couldn't go on helping sick and damaged animals and birds, expecting her mom to take care of them. But if she didn't, who would look after them? She prayed about it, then gathered up the kitten and slipped out. She went to her friend, Amy's house and spoke to Amy's mother. Then she handed over the kitten and went home.

When Jane came in her mother said, "I'm sorry, you can keep the kitten. We'll work it out somehow." Jane ran over and hugged her mom. "Amy's always wanted a kitten and her mom said that it was okay so I gave it to her. I'll try to get a Saturday job. That way I can help pay for the animals we have, and save a bit. I don't expect I could afford a vacation, but I could save enough for us both to go out for the day. What do you think?"

Jane's mom hugged her. "I am lucky to have a daughter like you," she said, "even if it does mean looking after half a dozen animals all the time as well!" And they both laughed.

Questions

Why did Jane's mom think she needed a vacation?

Why did Jesus want the disciples to take time to rest?

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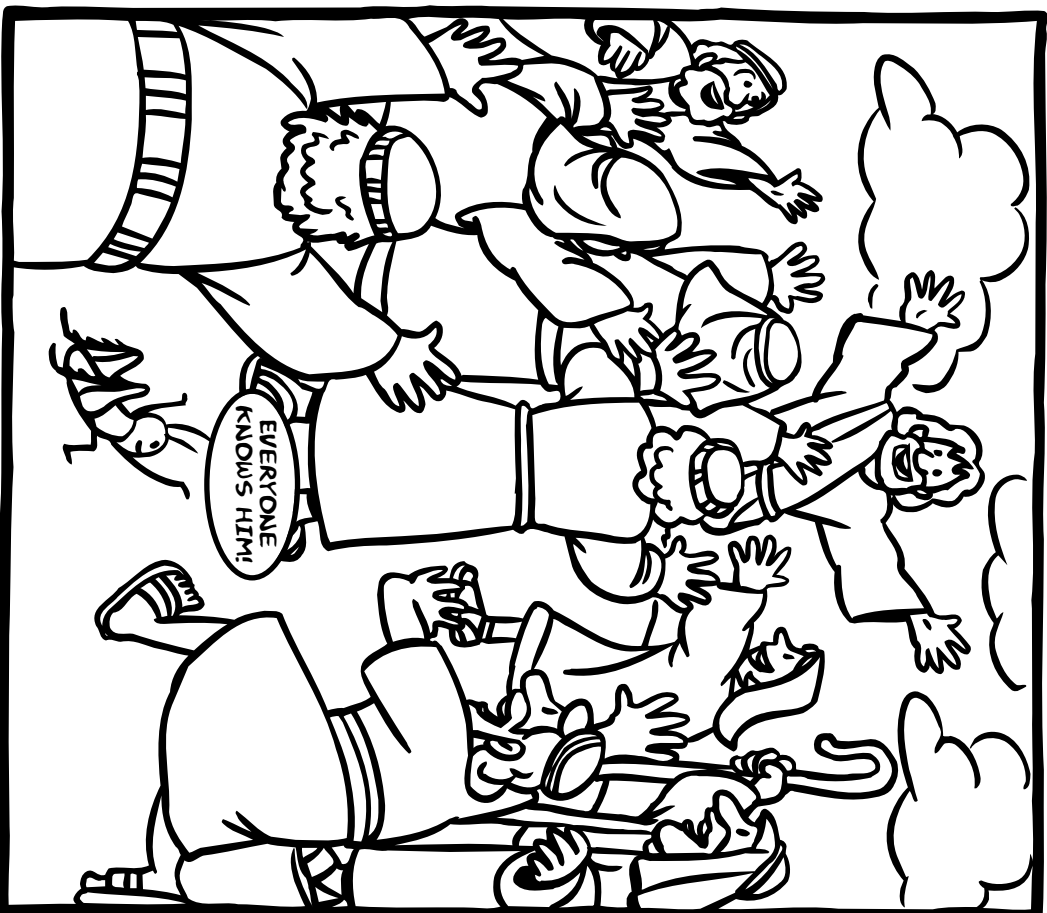
Picture Differences

AND BEGGED HIM THAT THEY MIGHT TOUCH EVEN THE FRINGE OF HIS CLOAK; AND ALL WHO TOUCHED IT WERE HEALED.

Letter Tiles

Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



Letter Tile Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letters tiles.

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Word Find Puzzle

Here are 19 words from today's Gospel story. Some are printed upside down, backwards, or at an angle. One is done for you. How many others can you find?

WORD LIST

- AHEAD**
 ARRIVED
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 CITIES
 COMING
 CROSSED
 FRINGE
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 HEALED
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Picture Differences Puzzle

Below are two drawings from today's Gospel story. There are 10 differences in these drawings. How many can you find? Circle each one as you find it.

