

# Tonight's

## passage – Luke 9.<sup>44-62</sup>

In tonight's worksheet you're going to try and spot the brown wooden cross which is somewhere on every page. Page 3 will be the hardest to spot!

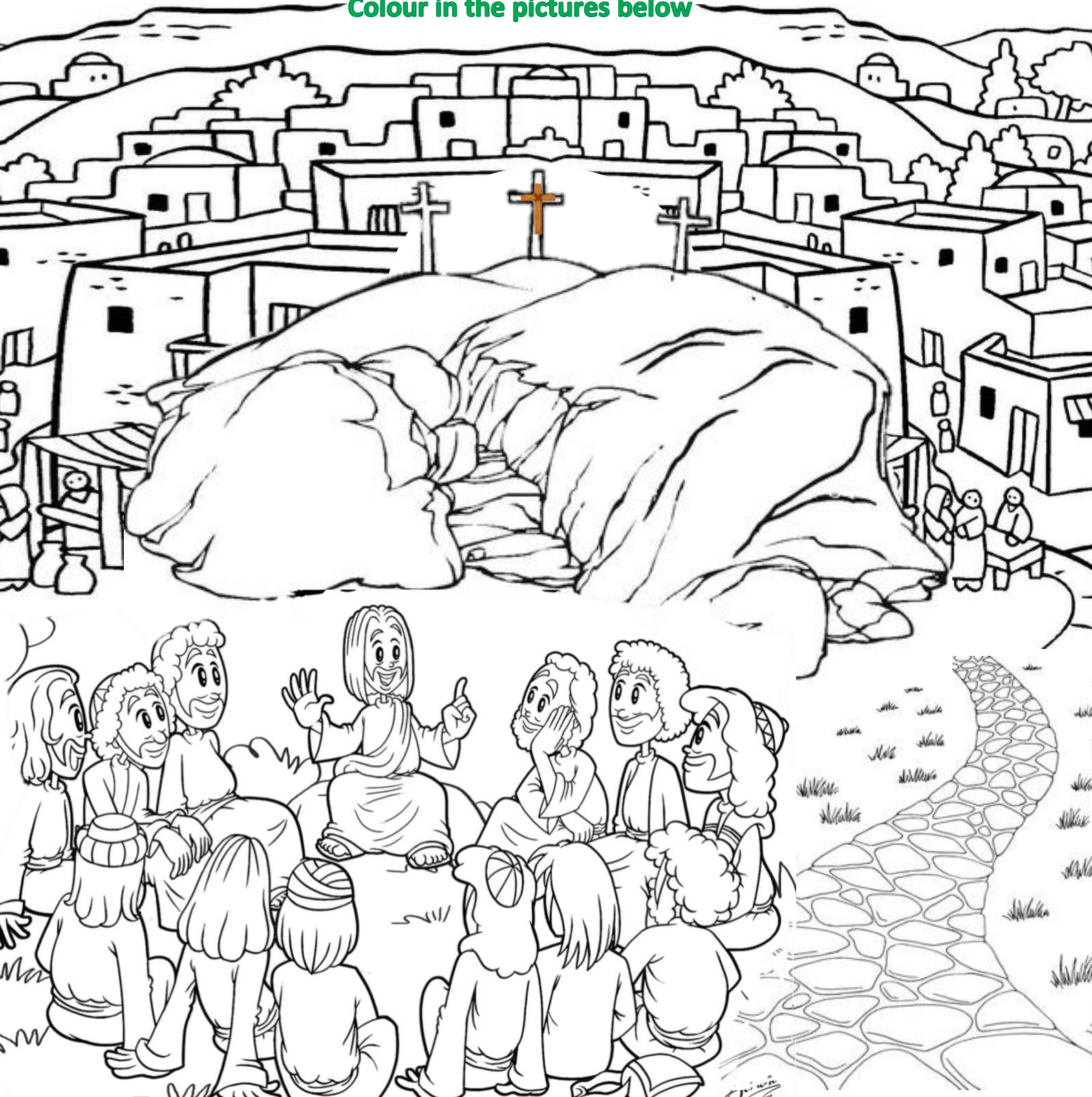
# theme – Follow Jesus



### “Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem ..”

He knew that a terrible death awaited Him. But He knew, too, that this was the path He had to walk. His disciples had a lot to learn!

Colour in the pictures below



Read  
**Luke 9**  
verses 44-45

# a warning

<sup>44</sup> 'Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: the **Son of Man** is going to be delivered into the hands of men.'

<sup>45</sup> But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

Jesus had been doing some amazing things!

His disciples loved to hear Him tell stories and teach them from the Bible.

They thought it was brilliant how He was able to heal people who were ill and help people who were in trouble.

They thought He was simply the best.

What they didn't realise was that He had come to take our place and pay the price for our sin and wrong-doing.

Jesus was preparing them now for that.

## 'Son of Man'

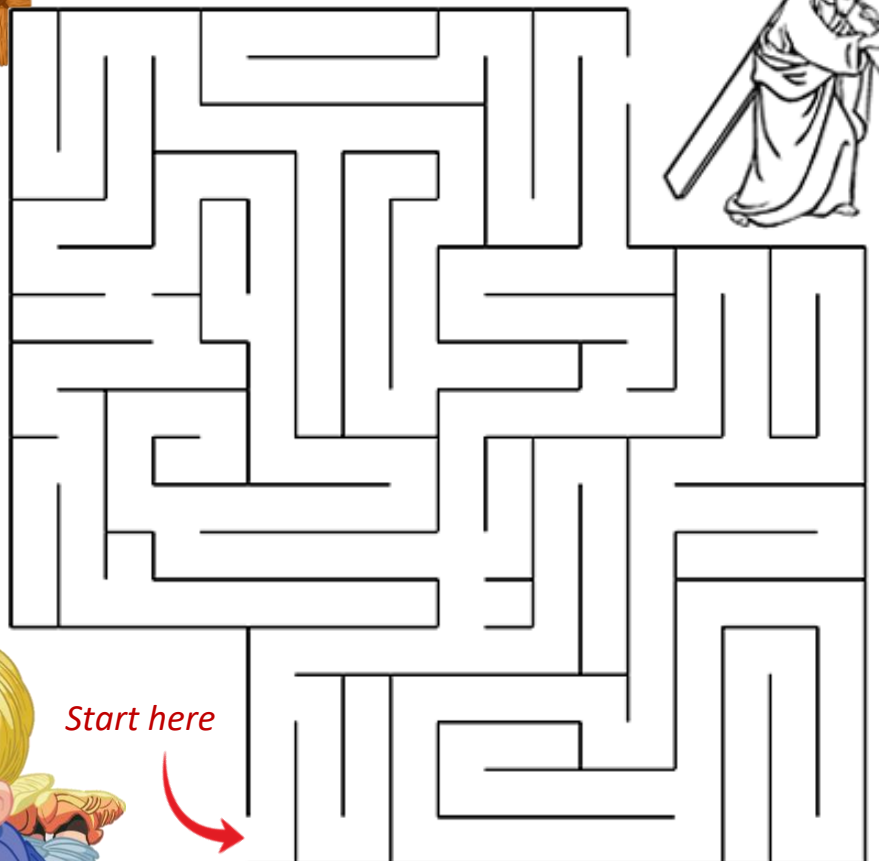
Jesus liked to use this way of speaking about Himself.

It helped people realise that He was truly human, one of us.

But it was also a phrase used in the book of Daniel to describe a person who would have all the authority and power and glory of God Himself.

You can read about that in

**Daniel 7**  
verses 13-14



The disciples were puzzled! See if you can find your way through the maze to Jesus carrying the cross

# arguments



Do you ever argue with other people?

You probably do! The disciples certainly did!

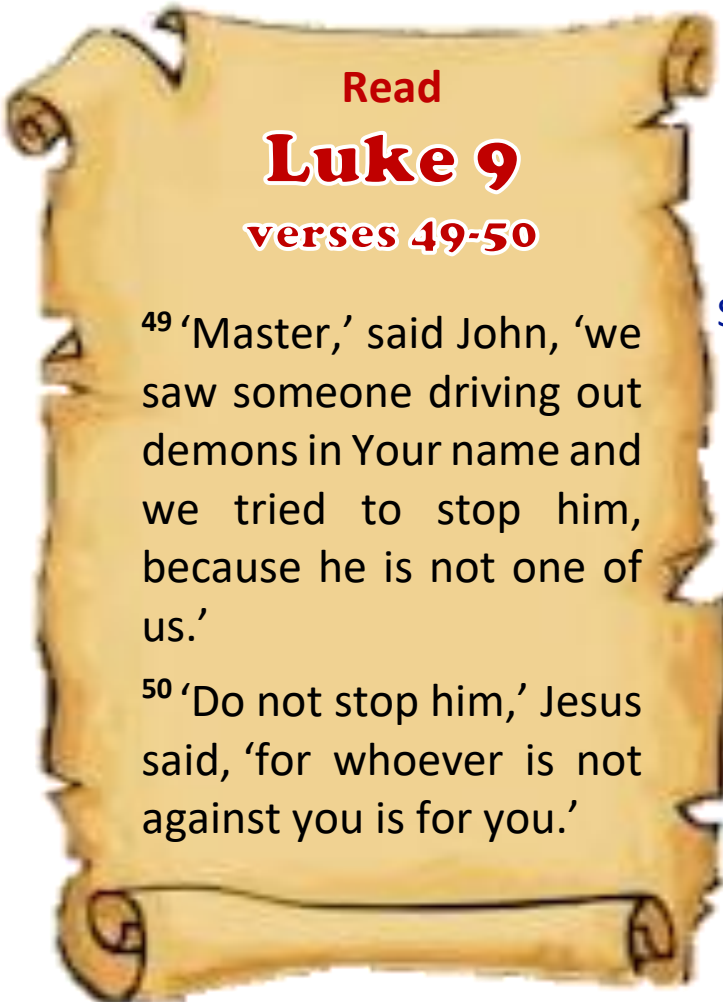
They were arguing about which of them would be

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Fill in the missing letters

Jesus was having to teach them about the way the life of God's kingdom works.

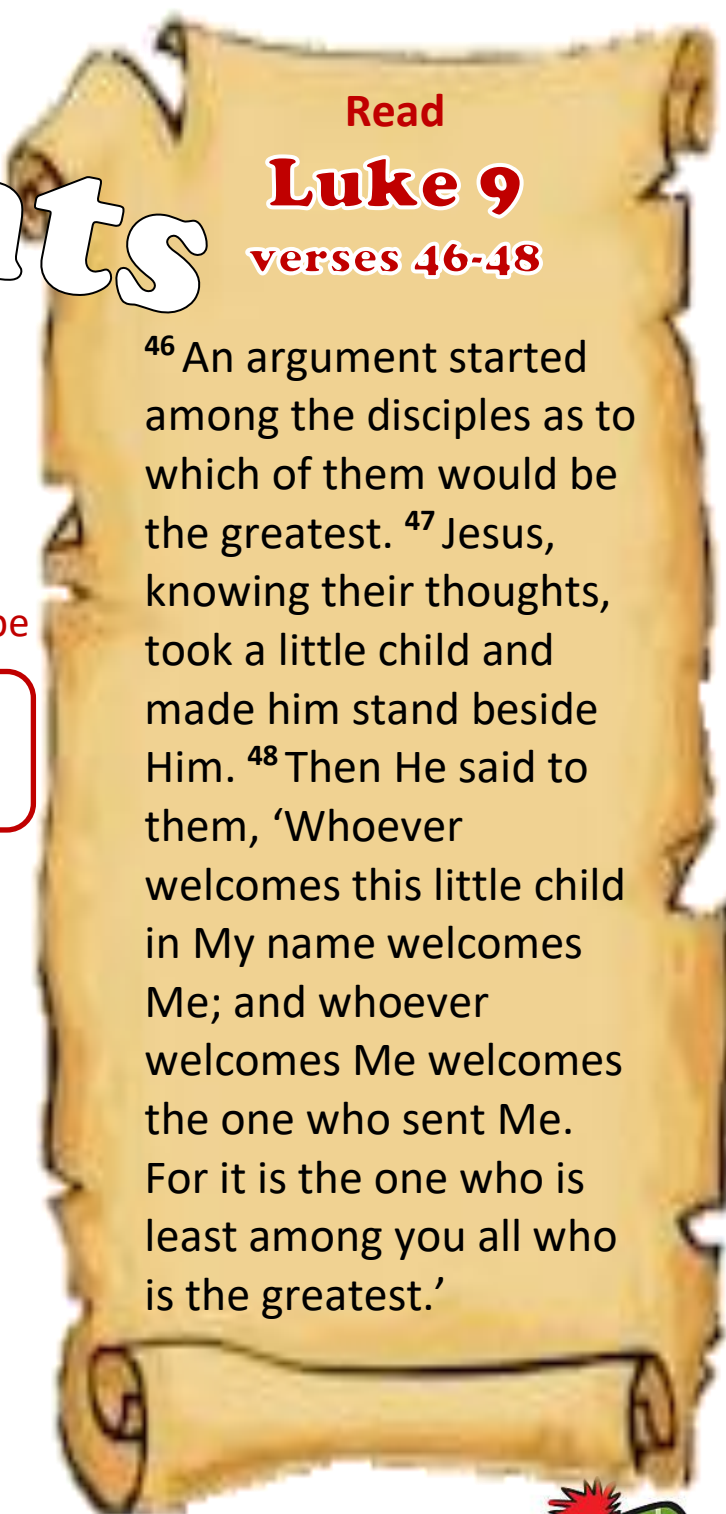
It's a 'topsy-turvy' kingdom where the greatest are those who are prepared to serve others!



Read  
**Luke 9**  
verses 49-50

<sup>49</sup> 'Master,' said John, 'we saw someone driving out demons in Your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.'

<sup>50</sup> 'Do not stop him,' Jesus said, 'for whoever is not against you is for you.'



Read  
**Luke 9**  
verses 46-48

<sup>46</sup> An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. <sup>47</sup> Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and made him stand beside Him. <sup>48</sup> Then He said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this little child in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me welcomes the one who sent Me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.'

Sometimes we argue with other people because ... well, because they're *different* from us: they belong to a different 'clan'!

Jesus wouldn't allow that at all among His disciples!

**"Whoever is not  
\_\_\_\_\_ you is  
\_\_\_\_\_"**



Read  
**Luke 9** verses 51-62

# excuses

<sup>51</sup> As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?' <sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then he and his disciples went to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.'

<sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, 'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

<sup>59</sup> He said to another man, 'Follow me.' But he replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.'

<sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'

<sup>61</sup> Still another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.'

<sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'

Here's the rest of the passage.

While they were on the road to Jerusalem they met a range of different people.

Some of them didn't want much to do with Jesus: His disciples weren't too chuffed about that and wanted Jesus to zap them!

Jesus wasn't going to do that!

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Other people they met were keen enough to follow Him – but Jesus had to explain to them what was involved in being His follower.

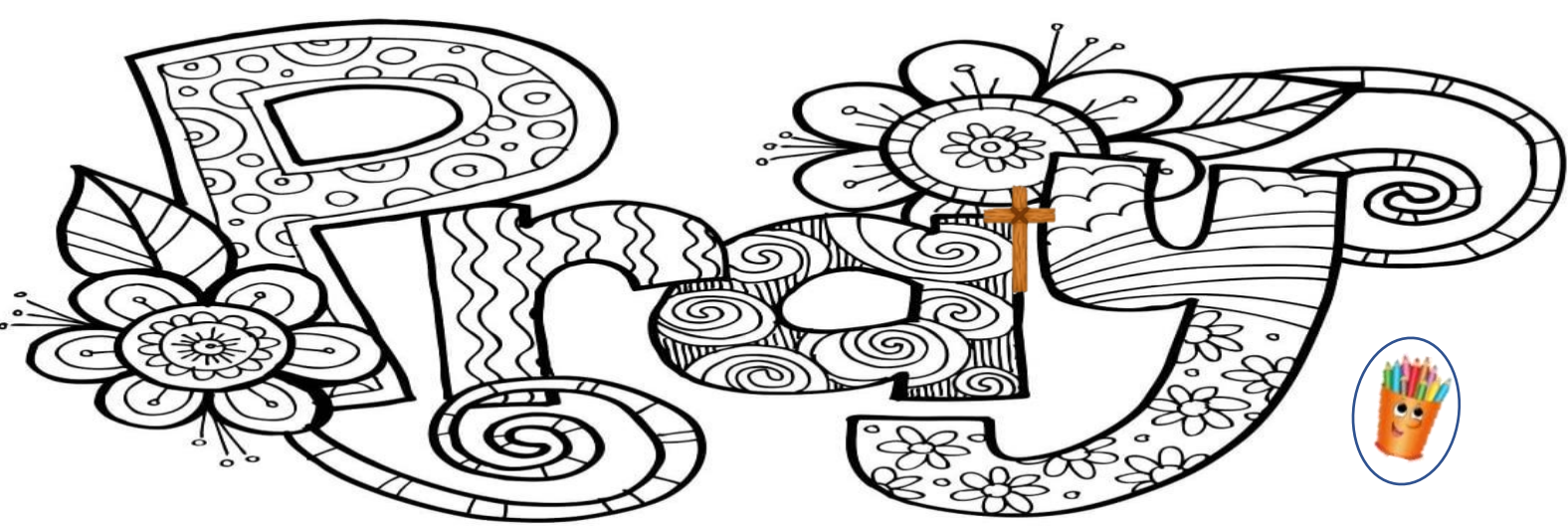
They said, 'Let me first ..'

But following Jesus means it's not **me first**, but **Jesus first!**

I WILL FOLLOW  
YOU

wherever  
you go

LUKE 9:57



*Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.*

*Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you*

**Lord Jesus, I want to be Your follower!**

**I want to learn from You, obey You and serve You.**

**You're wonderful. I love that You're so wise and kind and strong.**

**I don't always manage to do what I want to do.**

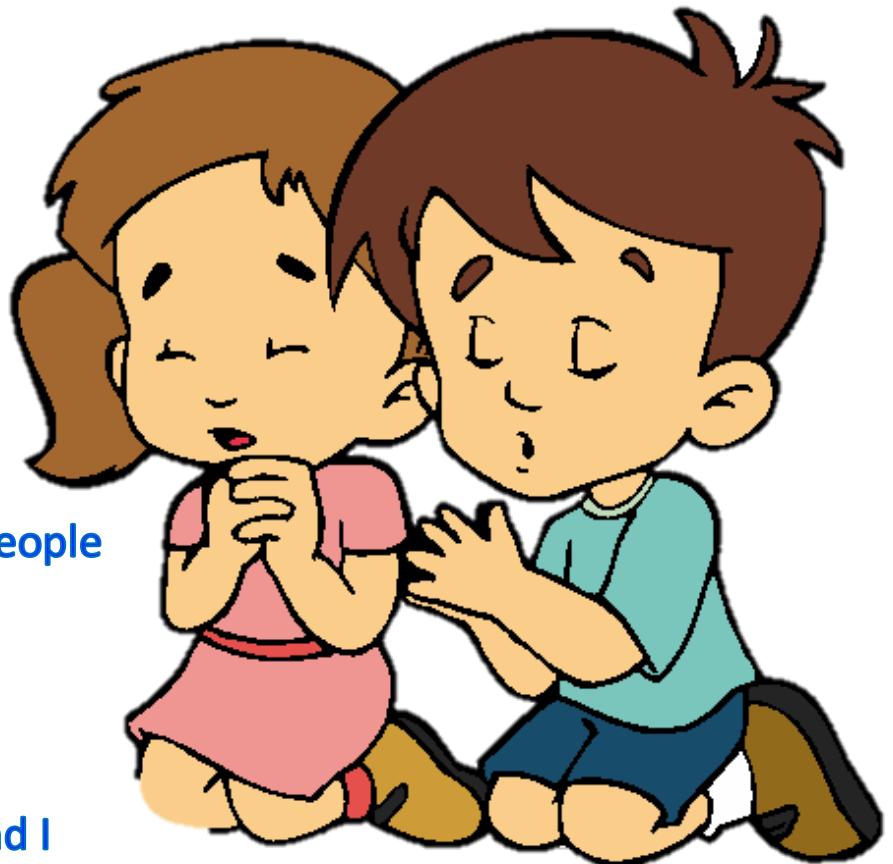
**I need You to teach me and to help me.**

**I often get things badly wrong!**

**Please forgive me for all the times I end up arguing with other people. I'm sorry.**

**Please help me to be glad when things are going well for other people and not to be jealous of them.**

**Help me to put You first always. I'm glad that You're the King! And I want to live for You every day of my life!**



# Today's verse for you to try and remember!

**".. No one who puts hands to the  
plough and looks back is fit for  
service in the Kingdom of God"**

Luke 9.<sup>62</sup>



# A WORDSEARCH ...

This wordsearch is based on Luke 9.57-62 – it's about the cost of following Jesus

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WALKING  
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# COLOUR in the picture



Come, follow Me!