

the ministry of Jesus

Read
Isaiah 61
verses 1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on Me because the Lord has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendour.

This was the passage which Jesus read before He preached His first sermon in Nazareth.

When He'd finished reading the passage of Scripture, He said that "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4.21).

He was letting the people know that these words in Isaiah 61 were describing **Him** and what He would do.

Read these verses carefully and see if you can spot which **verb** occurs 3 times in the passage. Write your answer in the box below.

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Here are the letters you'll need –

CLIP ROAM

Jesus changes everything!

He gives us a new start and He makes us new people: beauty, joy and praise start to be what other people see in our lives.

And He gives us a great new purpose in life as well: He's got work for us to do – and that's what the next verse is going to explain.



construction workers

Read
Isaiah 61
verses 4

4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

You only need to watch the news in the TV to see that the world is in a mess!

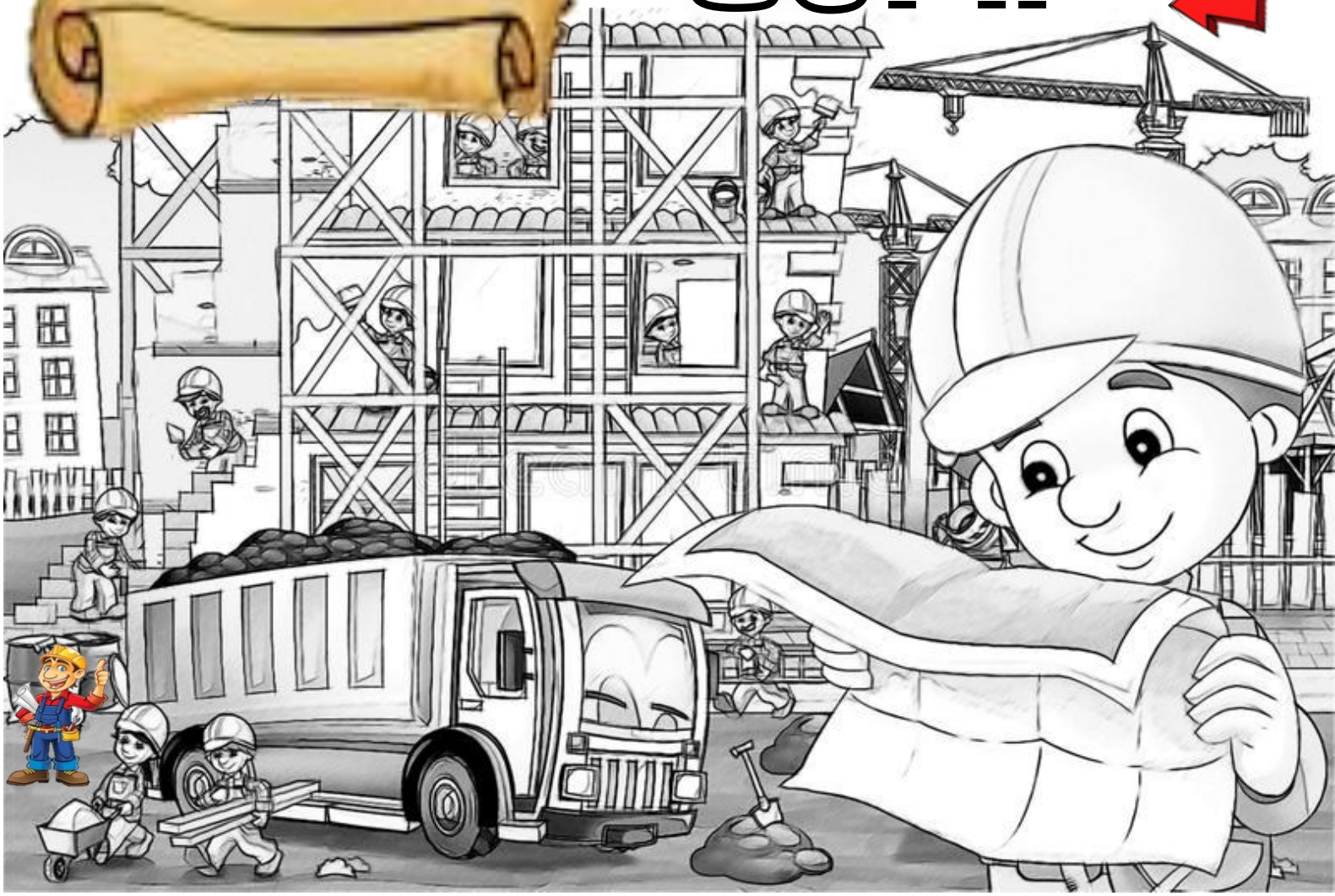
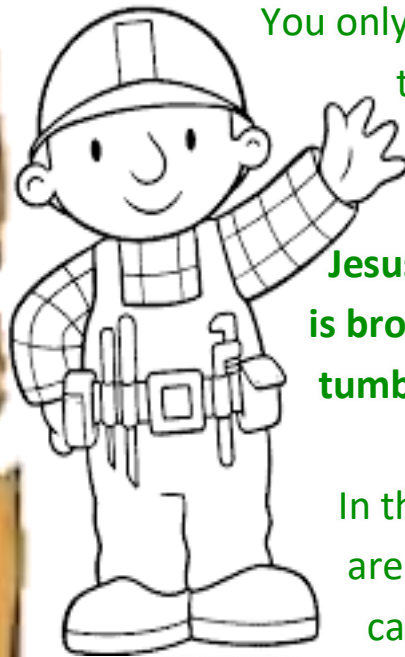
Jesus has come to mend what is broken and to fix what has all tumbled down.

In the passage 3 different verbs are used to describe what He calls His people to do.

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Write your answers here



Over the centuries God has worked wonderfully in the land of Scotland. Draw a dot ● on the map to show where all the place names are.

Iona

In 563 Columba established a community on Iona from which missionaries went out and preached the gospel to all Scotland

Aberdeen

Samuel Rutherford was an influential pastor in the 17th century – he was exiled for 2 years in Aberdeen where he wrote some great Letters

St Andrews

Patrick Hamilton was a brave preacher who loved Jesus and taught the Bible faithfully. In 1528 he was burned at the stake in St Andrews – but his death paved the way for the people of Scotland learning to trust Jesus again.

Cambuslang

George Whitefield was used by the Lord to bring tens of thousands of people to trust in Jesus. In 1742 he was one of the preachers God used in what became known as the Cambuslang Revival.

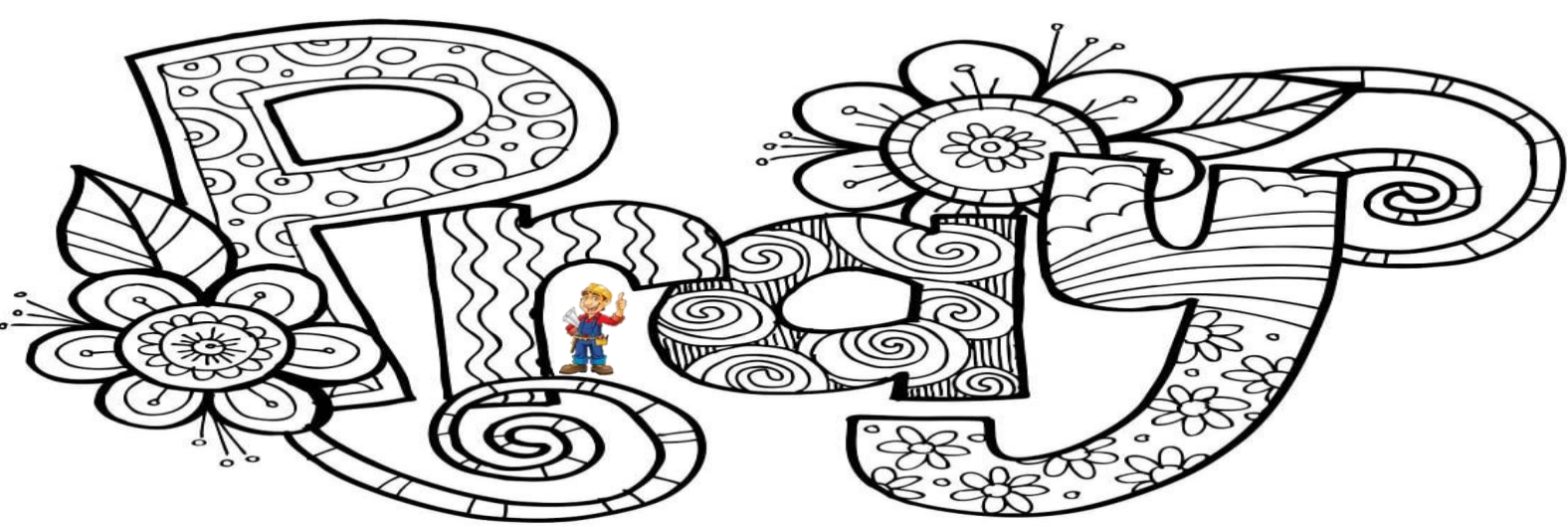
Today so much of what the Lord in His kindness 'built' in Scotland is in ruins.

The teaching of the Bible is ignored and ridiculed. 'Jesus' is often only known as a 'swear-word'. Very few people attend worship.

There's work to be done in rebuilding the ancient ruins!

**Jesus calls you
to share with Him in
renewing the ruined cities!**





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, thank You for the way You're so patient with us!

My room at home can often end up being a bit of a mess – and sometimes I don't know where to start in terms of tidying it up!

Sometimes my life is like that as well! I can mess things up good and proper because of something I said or did, or because I've gone into a mood or had a tantrum.

I think it's wonderful that You're so able, very patiently, to tidy things up and sort things out.

Thank You that You want Your people to join You in what You're doing in the world today.

Count me in! Help me to learn how I can help You in renewing the 'ruined cities' in our land today! Use me every day in Your service.



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

**"They will rebuild the
ancient ruins"**

Isaiah 61.4



A WORDSEARCH

In the 16th century John Knox was a 'reformer' who was used by God to bring the good news of Jesus to Scotland. He wanted to make sure that everyone in Scotland knew what the Bible taught and that every part of Scottish life was shaped by God's Word.

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"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:18

